Arabs leaving Pakistan for Gulf states

ISLAMABAD (AP) - The government said Tuesday that at least 200 Arabs have left since March, as some Arab states have demanded, with many of them heading for Bahrain or Dubai. Thousands of Arabs flocked to neighbouring Afghanistan - most of them through Pakistan - for the in neignouring Arganistan — most or them through Pakistan — for the fight against Soviet troops who invaded in 1979. Since insurgents overtan the Soviet-backed government in April 1992, more than 12,000 Arabs have left through Pakistan. Countries like Egypt, Algeria and Tunisia have complained that their radical Islamic foes are using Pakistan as a base to carry out violent campaigns aimed at ousting their secular representation. These of the Arabs leaving Pakistan are choosing to a significant to a significant content of the Arabs leaving Pakistan are choosing to a significant to a significant content of the Arabs leaving Pakistan are choosing to a significant content of the Arabs leaving Pakistan are choosing to a significant content of the Arabs leaving Pakistan are choosing to a significant content of the Arabs leaving Pakistan are choosing to a significant content of the content of the Arabs leaving Pakistan are choosing to a significant content of the content o governments. "Most of the Arabs leaving Pakistan are choosing to go to either Bahrain or Dubai" in the United Arab Emirates, said the official on condition of anonymity. Others have sought asylum in Sudan. At least 200 Arabs have left Pakistan since the police crackdown began in March, immigration officials said. Several of the Arabs who left were reportedly wanted by the government in their own countries. Countries outside the Arab World also are concerned about the Arabs in Pakistan. For instance, veterans of the Afghan war were linked to the February bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York. At the peak of the Afghan war in the mid-1980s, an estimated 20,000 Arabs were fighting in Afghanstan.

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AMMAN (J.T.) - Prices of daily newspapers will increase to 150 fils as from Thursday, May 27, 1993, according to a decision taken by the newspapers' administrations.

This move is prompted by a government decision to impose a tax, reaching up to 25 per cent, on all imports of newsprint, with retroactive effect as of Jan. 1, 1993.

Newspapers' administrations have repeatedly attempted to make concerned anthorities reconsider the imposition of such a tax because of the additional burdens it places on the industry and because of its negative consequences on the efforts made to further develop the industry, the publishers said.

The imposition of this tax will also affect the efforts made to upgrade press staff performance and their gains, statement from the publishers said. The present prices of newspapers do not cover the cost of paper, let alone the other costs incurred by the newsprint industry, the

Police guard **New York legislator**

NEW YORK (AP) - A prominent Jewish state lawmaker said Tuesday he had received police protection because of a threat of. his life, but he refused to discuss a published report that he was target of a plot linked to the World Trade Centre bombing. Dov Hikind, who represents New York City district in the state capital, would not comment on a New York Post report attributing the threat to a "second Antre bombers. "I can only tell you that the authorities told me there was a threat against me and offered me protection, and I gladly accepted," Mr. Hikind said in a telephone interview. The threat first surfaced a week ago, he said. Police officials refused to comment on the subject.

German opposition backs asylum limits

BONN (R) - A majority of deputies from the divided opposition Social Democrats (SPD) backed limits on political asylum for foreigners in a test vote Tuesday, guaranteeing the bill would pass in parliament. SPD officials said 133 deputies from the 239strong parliamentary group voted to support limits sought by Chancellor Helmut Kohi's government on a constitutional guarantee of political asylum. The informal poli of deputies was called to determine the strength of SPD rebels opposed to the change, which is aimed at stemming a tide of foreign refugees drawn by Europe's most liberal asylum law.

China, Israel set up agricultural centre

BEUING (AP) — China and Israel have agreed to set up an agricultural training centre in Beijing, the two sides said Tuesday. The Chinese-Israeli Interntional Centre for Training in Agriculture, to be housed at the agricultural engineering university, will be staffed by Israeli agricultural experts, according to Eyal Propper, press officer of the Israeli embassy in Beijing. China started sending its technicians to Israel for agricultural training even before the two countries established diplomatic relations last year. They agreed to set up the training centre during the visit last week of Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the China

Azerbaijan declares unilateral truce

Daily newspaper said.

MOSCOW (AP) — Azerbaijan declared a unilateral ceasefire Tuesday in a goodwill gesture aimed at persuading Armenia to accept a peace plan proposed by the United States, Russia and Turkey. Armenia has until Wednesday to respond to the plan to end the war over to the property of the second Nagorno-Karabakh, a mountainous territory populated by trib to the second Armenians but located inside

Arafat reportedly suggests Israeli pullout from Gaza

LONDON (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat has suggested that Israeli forces could withdraw from the Gaza Strip, and an Israeli government official has welcomed the plan, Britain's Sky television reported. Mr. Arafat's suggestion dropped earlier Arab demands that a

withdrawal from the Gaza Strip be linked to a broader plan. But he also said Israeli forces

should partially withdraw from the West Bank. The troops in both cases would be replaced by a multi-national force.

"He is ready to accept a disenand he will accept a United Nations force to replace the Israeli forces, or a multinational. agreed-upon force, or even American," PLO spokesman Bassam Abu Sharif told Sky News late Monday.

Israelis by Austrian Chancellor from the peace process. Franz Vranitzky.

Israeli Deputy Foreign Minis-ter Yossi Beilin said the offer was worth consideration. "It is an idea which is worthwhile thinking (about)," he told Sky. "I believe that while talking to

the Palestinians in Washington about the interim solution and then the permanent solution, we may also consider very seriously the idea of ... this formation very

seriously. Faisal Al Husseini, head of the Palestinian peace delegation and Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashr. wi Monday rejected comments by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin Sunday that Palestinian self-rule could be im-

Kuwait tells

Iran to end

Gulf feuds

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait, using emusually blunt language, Tues-

day called on Iran to solve its

disputes with Gulf Arab states

and end what it called expansion-

The official Kuwait News

Agency (KUNA) made the

appeal in a report about the

arrival of Iranian Foreign Minis-

ter Ali Akbar Velayati, who is on

the last leg a tour aimed at improving ties with Gulf Arab

The agency, quoting unnamed

Gulf observers, said: "All the

region needs is a dramatic change

in the type of political thinking

It added such a change "would

among the regimes of states sur-rounding the Gulf."

shift interests towards economic

and social development and

mutual respect of sovereignty and

away from ambitions for control

and geographical expansion, par-

ticularly those of Iraq and Iran."

Mr. Velayati, making his second visit to the emirate since

the 1990-91 Gulf crisis, was

greeted by Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Ja-

ber Al Sabah on arrival from

Mr. Velayati was expected to

meet Crown Prince and Prime

Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdul-

lah Al Sabah during two days of talks with senior Kuwaiti offi-

The agency said that unless Mr.

Velayati carried practical initia-

tives his visit would not help

develop Iran's relations with Gulf

Mr. Velayati is seeking to im-

prove ties that have been strained

by allegations that Iran sponsors "terrorism" and by Iranian dis-

approval of the stationing of

Iran's ties with the Gulf Coop-

eration Council (GCC), which

backed Iraq in its 1980-88 war

with Iran, improved when Tehran

refused to back Baghdad's inva-

sion of Kuwait in August 1990.

the GCC, comprising Saudi Ara-

bia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, and the United Arab

Emirates (UAE), voiced support

for the UAE in its territorial

dispute with Iran over three Gulf

But relations soured again after

Western forces in the region.

states.

Bahrain.

once principles were agreed at

the peace talks. Mr. Husseini said the Palestinian stance would change if Israel unilaterally withdrew from the. turbulent strip.

No date has been set for resuming the 19-month-old peace talks. which broke off in Washington earlier this month.

Syrian-PLO talks

Syria's official news agency, SANA, said Syria and a Palestinian delegation visiting Damascus Monday reiterated support for efforts to implement a landgagement in the occupied terri-tories, the West Bank and Gaza, for-peace deal with Israel "for achieving a just and comprehensive peace."
Palestinian sources said Farouk

Kaddoumi, the head of the PLO's Political Department who unexpectedly arrived in Damascus Sunday, was expected to discuss with Syrian officials the pressures The report said Mr. Arafat's being exerted on the PLO to suggestions were relayed to the withdraw Palestinian negotiators

Hardline Palestinians have been demanding that the delegation quit the peace talks to protest the lack of progress and Israel's refusal to meet Palesti-

Two key PLO factions, based in Damascus, have stepped up their campaign against Mr. Arafat in recent weeks, demanding a referendum among the Palestimans on whether the peace negotiations should continue.

It was not clear if Mr. Kaddoumi planned to meet with representatives of the two factions the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the second- and thirdplemented in Gaza Strip first, largest factions behind Mr. Ara-

fat's own mainstream Fateh Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa met Monday with Mr. Kaddoumi and three other members of the PLO Ex-

ecutive Committee. PLO Executive Committee member Yasser Abed Rabbo said the discussions dealt with the outcome of the ninth round of the peace talks in Washington and the obstacles the Arabs confronted.

He said consultations would continue among the Arab parties involved in the talks — Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestinians — to set up a meeting in Amman early next month.

Kooijmans urges contacts

In Israel, Dutch Foreign Minsiter Pieter Kooijmans Tuesday called for informal contacts between the Israeli and Syrian governments to overcome mistrust and break through the impasse in the peace talks.

Mr. Kooijmans, who met with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad during an earlier stop, told a news conference he proposed informal lower-level contacts between Israel and Syria to break through a "great wall of mistrust."

Israel and Syria are stuck in an argument over which side should show its hand first - Israel by saving how far it would withdraw on the Golan Heights, or Syria by spelling out what kind of peace it

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, in remarks apparently aimed at the Syrians, told the news conference that time was working against those seeking peace: "Waiting more will...

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2 Palestinians killed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli soldiers shot to death two Palestinians Monday and wounded eleven on confrontations with troops in the Israeli occupied territories, the army and Arab reports said. Rageb Mohammad Ajaj, 18, of

the West Bank city Nablus, was shot in the heart while he pelted stones at soldiers stationed in a military post, the army and Arab reports said. He was positioned on the roof of a local hospital when he was killed, the Arab report said. One other youth was wounded in the leg, the reports three Palestinians wearing masks were pursued by soldiers in the Rafah refugee camp. In the chase, one Arab was killed, one wounded and one arrested, Israel Radio reported.

Elsewhere in Gaza, nine Palestinians were wounded in stone-throwing clashes with troops in the Shati refugee camp. Arab reports said. Their ages ranged from 12-21, the report

Monday's deaths brought to 1,114 the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli soldiers or civilians in the 51/2 year insurance, according to AP count.

In the occupied Gaza Strip. **Egyptian guard fires**

at bus, wounds tourists

CAIRO (Agencies) — A border policeman shot at a tourist bus in the southern resort of Aswan Tuesday, slightly wounding three Australians and a Briton, author-

"It was an unfortunate mistake by a frontier guardsman," Salah Al Derwy, head of the government's tourist information office, told the Associated Press.

Mr. Derwy said none of the victims was wounded seriously and that all were being treated at Aswan general hospital.

Michael Otago of the Austra-lian embassy said the wounded Australians were two women and a man in their late 20s. He said one had a bullet wound in the leg. which was not serious. The other two sustained minor wounds from flying debris, he said.

"Someone at the checkpoint fired at them, but the motive is not known," Mr. Otaga said. "Some say the bus ran the checkpoint. Others say it was entering a restricted area."

Two Australians, a man and a woman, were later flown to Cairo airport where they were put in an ambulance and taken to hospital for treatment.

Airport security officials told reporters the others were taking the train.

A British embassy spokesman said the British victim is a woman who suffered only slight wounds. The incident follows a series of famous tourist sites.

gun and bomb attacks on tourist targets by Muslim militants which have devastated Egypt's tourism industry, one of its main foreign exchange earners.

Gunmen killed a British woman when they ambushed a tourist bus near the southern town of Dayrut in October. A second ambush in the town of Qena in November injured five

Security sources in Cairo said earlier that the minibus, which was carrying 16 tourists of different nationalities, had taken a wrong turning.

But sources in Aswan, 690 kilometres south of the capital, said it was on the normal road to Abu Simbel, which runs through a closed military area. Members of a border guard

unit at a checkpoint 55 kilometres south of Aswan signailed the bus to stop but the driver, perhaps believing that the armed men beside the road were Muslim militants trying to attack, acceler-

The border guards then opened fire at the bus's tyres to force it to stop, the sources said. The incident happened at about 5 a.m. (0290 GMT).

The 3.250-year-old temple of Abu Simbel - four colossal statues and a monumental gateway carved from a limestone cliff — is in the far south of Egypt near Sudan and is one of its most



INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION: Their Majesties King

LONDON (R) - Egypt has resorted to a brutal campaign of torture, mass arrests and killings in a crackdown gainst Islamic militants Amnesty International said in a report Wednesday.

The security forces appear to have been given a licence to kill with impunity," the London-based human rights group said.

The number of people killed in disputed circumstances by the security forces rose sharply over the past year, the report said. It also charged armed opposition groups with increasingly carrying out deliberate and arbitrary killings since mid-

But these killings did not excuse human rights abuses by security forces, it said. "Provocation from armed opposition groups is never a reason to step outside international law.

Security forces reacted to killings of its members with "frightening brutality," Amnesty said. Thousands of people had been detained without charge and civilians had been tried unfairly and sentenced by military courts, some to death.

The report said killings of Islamic militants while they were allegedly trying to escape arrest had risen alarmingly. In August last year, seven alleged militants — two of whom were only 17 were shot dead in an apart-

"According to reports the bodies were in positions that showed that some could not have offered armed resistance when they were killed," Amnesty said.

Suspects as young as 15 can be tried by state security courts and torture is common, it charged. Mahmoud Guhayni Al Ša'dawi was reported to have died after six days of torture at the offices of the state security intelligence last May.

"Some prisoners have been kept in custody for years without any charges being brought against them, with their short-term detention orders being repeatedly renewed." it said.

Amnesty accused security forces of regularly flouting court orders of release.

But it also criticised the behaviour of militant groups, noting that Al Gama'a Al Islamiya (Islamic Group) had said it carried out recent attacks on foreign tourists in which there people were kil-

Iranian jets raid rebel bases in Iraq; Baghdad warns Tehran must be reminded of the past

by Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker on the occasion of

Independence Day (see related story on page 3) Photo by Youse! 4: Aug

NICOSIA (Agencies) - Iranian warplanes attacked two rebel bases deep inside Iraq Tuesday, sharply escalating tension between the two Gulf adversaries after weeks of border skirmishing.
An official Iraqi announcement

said six U.S.-built Iranian F-4 bombers hit "targets around the towns of Al Khalis and Jalula." Iran's main opposition group,

Mujahedeen-e-Khalq said its bases were hit in Iran's first major action against the rebels in more than a year. Tehran said Iranian air force

jets blasted Mujahedeen bases following "repeated sabotage activities... that caused casualties and inflicted damage on civilian quarters and military and oil instailations."

The official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) quoted a military source as saying the attacks dealt "heavy blows" to the Mujahedeen. The unnamed spokesman held Iraq responsible for the raids, because it failed to heed earlier warnings from Tehran to halt what he described as the Mujahedeen's "transborder aggression."

The Iraqi News Agency said: "The evil leadership in Tehran, which is despised by its people, sign of damage to the sprawling

lessons... and what similar aggressions against Iraq had led to in 1980. "If they continue to play with

fire, their own people and the wrath of Baghdad will burn them." it said.

France condemned the Iranian

"We reiterate France's attachement to the respect of internationally recognised borders." A French foreign ministry spokeswoman told reporters.

The spokeswoman said the strike inside Iraq could not be justified even if the guerrillas had violated the border.

Asked about reports Iraq moved missiles into its Kurdish region, the spokeswoman said Baghdad would be held responsible for any violation of United Nations resolutions (see page 2).

Iraq reported no casualties. Its agency quoted an unidentified government spokesman as saying fuel depots were set ablaze, a medical centre was destroyed and power cables were severed in a single bombing run against Al Khalis. A villager's house also was damaged.

camp, packed with the troops, guns, tanks and armoured vehicles of the Iranian exile force.

Two fuel storage tanks had burned, Reuter reported from Baghdad. There were several small bombs craters near the outskirts of the base in hot, dry farmland northeast of Baghdad 90 kilometres from the Iranian

border.
"Two phantoms approached the base from the south," a Mujahedeen commander at Ashraf told reporters." They dropped 12 bombs. Our forces were on alert and there was heavy anti-aircraft

fire. A plane was hit but it may have escaped." Mujahedeen spokesman Ali Safavi said there was even less damage to a second camp further east attacked soon after but the air raid caused Iraqi civilian casualties at the town of Jalula.

Mr. Safavi said there were no casualties among the National Liberation Army of Iran, the exile force which fought on Baghdad's side in the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war. At least a dozen Iranian F-4 Phantoms and Sukhoi bombers took part in three raids between 5.50 a.m. and 6.30 a.m. (0150-0230 GMT), Mr. Safavi said.

Reporters visiting the Ashraf base a few hours later saw little one of five main Mujahedeen

Upsurge of Kurdish violence kills 52 in Turkey in 2 days

ANKARA (Agencies) — Kurdish rebels, shattering their two-month-old truce, killed 34 Turkish soldiers, three policemen and a driver in a bus ambush, officials said Tuesday.

The ambush was the bloodiest of several incidents which have killed at least 52 people in south-east Turkey since Monday and shredded peace hopes raised by the guerrilla ceasefire.

A senior police officer in Bingof told Reuters the bullet-riddled bodies of 34 soldiers, three policeman and a driver had been found in a ravine near where Kurdish fighters had stopped their bus at dusk on Monday 30 kilometres west of the town. More than 60 people were mis-

sing after they were abducted at the same spot by Kurdistan Labour Party (PKK) guerrillas. who stopped and set fire to four buses, two lorries and a taxi, he

Rebels stopped the bus, carrying mainly soldiers in civilian clothes to their units, and harangued passengers on the Kurdish cause before the shooting began, according to six wounded soldiers in a Bingol hospital, quoted by Anatolian news agency.

Security officials said troops and police searching the area had clashed with rebels, who were also under attack from jets and helicopter gunships from four southeastern bases.

In other violence, one statepaid village guard and three PKK a partial amnesty for the PKK rebels died in clashes near Silvan town on Monday. Seven PKK fighters and two civilains were killed earlier in the day. The body of an armed civilian.

was found Tuesday after he was abducted from a bus at a PKK checkpoint south of Bingol the day before. The other passengers wer released unharmed.

President Suleyman Demirel, condemned the bus ambush as a setback to attempts to bring peace to the troubled southeast.

While we have tried in goodwill for the last two months to bring people together and formulated new proposals at the National Security Council and cabinet, it is extremely regrett-

able that we meet such an inci-

dent like this," he said. In Beirut, PKK set five conditions for a continuation of the unilateral truce its fighters had observed since March 20.

A PKK statement demanded that Ankara abolish a state of emergency in the southeast, stop torture and military attacks on Kurds, release detainees and recognise the Kurdish identity.

the ceasefire continuing." the PKK and allied groups said. The latest raid prompted the Turkish government to withhold

only hours after the cabinet had

approved it. Acting Prime Minister Erdal Inonu told his parliamentary group that the decree would stay on ice for the time being.

Until this week the PKK had observed the ceasefire but still found itself under attack by the security forces. The government had demanded that the guerrillas

surrender. The PKK statement did not refer to the bus attack and it was not immediately clear if the group

would take responsibility.
The PKK blamed the Turkish government for not responding its "historic (ceasefire) proposal and carrying out strafing attacks against the Kurds, expelling them from their villages and killne

In recent months, Turkish army had carried out helicopter attacks on rebel mountain hideouts. But the officials deny Kurdish claims that villages or other civilian targets have been

bombed. Beside the amnesty, Turkish officials had been hinting at the lifting of the state of emergency. "Then alone can we talk about

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Cypriot leaders to study confidence-building steps

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Secretary-General Boutros Ghali proposed Monday that leaders of the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities begin talks here this week by discussing placing part of the uninhabited resort town of Varosha under U.N. administration and reopening Nicosia Airport, also under U.N. control.

Both have ceased to function since Turkish troops landed in the north of the island in 1974, after a coup in Nicosia backed by the military junta then ruling Greece.

Dr. Ghali was addressing a closed-door session attended by Cypriot President Glascos Clerides and Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash, and by representatives of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — the United States, Russia, Britain, China and. France.

The secretary-general was accompanied by his new special representative for Cyprus, former Canadian Prime Minister Joe

The meeting, which lasted about 40 minutes, marked the start of a new round of long-running negotiations aimed at reuniting the divided island in a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation.

The talks have so far concentrated on a so-called "set of ideas" and map which Dr. Ghali presented to both sides last summer. The most recent negotiating round ended inconclusively last November.

According to a copy of the secretary-general's opening remarks, obtained by Reuters, he proposed that, before returning to the "set of ideas" and map, they focus first on measures designed to foster confidence between the two communities.

He suggested they begin by discussing two "especially significant and related" issues:

A. Placing an important are of Varosha — the former Greek Cypriot resort adjoining Famagusta — under U.N. administration "and it's becoming a special area for bi-communal contact and commerce open equally to both sides," and

B. The reopening, also under U.N. administration, of Nicosia Airport "for passenger and cargo traffic from and to both sides." The secretary-general said these two confidence-building measures "carry concrete benefits to each side and to Cyprus as a whole."

Placing part of Varosha under U.N. administration would benefit Greek Cypriots and others who would be able to reclaim possession of their properties, he

At the same time the Turkish Cypriot side would derive important benefits from "guaranteed opportunities to engage freely in business in the area and from the fact that foreign tourists will be able to pass through the area to the northern part of the island and to stay there.

The Turkish Cypriots proc-laimed their own state in the north of the island in 1983 with Mr. Denktash as president but it is recognised only by Turkey and is the object of a boycott by the

Greek Cypriots.
Dr. Ghali continued: "With the reopening, under United Na-tions administration, of Nicosia International Airport, located in the United Nations protected area and defunct since 1974, passengers and cargo could access freely through the airport to and from each side."

"The transforming impact of this measure on the economic situation of the Turkish Cypriot

community is clear," he added. The deputy U.N. representa-tive for Cyprus, Gustave Feissel, who recently took up residence in Nicosia, has discussed both issues with the two leaders during the past month.

"It will be a principal objective of ours this week to finalise agreement on these important measures," the secretary-general

Dr. Ghali leaves New York next weekend on a lengthy trip to North Africa and Europe and the Cyprus talks are expected to con-tinue only until the end of this

On Tuesday, Mr. Clerides and Mr. Denktash were due to hold a joint meeting with senior U.N. officials including Mr. Clark, Mr. Feissel and Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs Marrack Goulding, in preparation for a meeting with Dr. Ghali later in

⁶U.S. tried to topple **Qadhafi** with Iraqi aid'

WASHINGTON (AP) - The in his book, "Twin Pillars to United States sent Libyan rebels to train in Iraq in the 1980s so they could overthrow Muammar Qadhafi, former government offi-

cials said Monday. The operation was part of a developing intelligence relationship between Iraq and the United States that was to include over time the passing of U.S. satellite information to help Baghdad in its eight-year war with Iran, the official said.

The full extent of the cooperation has not been revealed. But the Bush administration, defending itself against a storm of congressional criticism following the 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, left the impression it was limited

to U.S. help for Iraq against Iran. The decision to send several hundred Libyans for training in Iraq served several purposes, said former Reagan White House aide Howard Teicher in an interview.

Iraq wanted to get even with Colonel Qadhafi for supporting Iran in the war, he said, and Egypt wanted to encourage U.S. support for Iraq to block Iran from winning and spreading Muslim fundamentalism through the

Also, said Mr. Teicher, the United States wanted to topple Col. Qadhafi, accusing him of terrorism and attempts to destabilise his neighbours.

The Libyan exiles attempted a coup against Col. Qadhafi in May 1984, but it was immediately crushed, Mr. Teicher recounted

Desert Storm," a chronicle of U.S. policy in the Mideast from President Richard Nixon to President George Bush.

Another former official, who asked not to be named, said the plot involved a raid by seaborne commandos who fired rockets and machine guns towards a military barracks used by Col. Oadhafi.

The operation was crushed, and the estimated 15 rebels were killed in the raid or captured and later executed. The exiles were mostly students and dissidents living in Britain, Italy and other European countries, said Mr. Teicher.

The United States also trained other Libyans, captured in Chad when Libya invaded that country in the mid-1980s, to mount cross border sabotage raids but failed to inflict much damage in Libya. The Bush administration brought some 300 of these Libyan prisoners to the United States in 1991 after Chad evicted them.

Iraq's willingness to train Libyan exiles encouraged those in the administration who wanted improved ties with Baghdad, said Mr. Teicher, an opponent of the developing relationship.

The cooperation also strengthened those in the administration who argued that Iraq had stopped its support of "terrorism" and was proving it by its willingness to fight Libyan "ter-torism," he said.



KADDOUMI IN BEIRUT: Lebanese Foreign Minister Farez Bouez (right) Tuesday welcomes a Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) team

headed by Political Department head Farouk Kaddoumi (left) upon its arrival in Beirut from Damascus for talks on the peace process (AFP

Security Council extends sanctions imposed on Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) The U.N. Security Council Monday decided to keep economic sanctions clamped on Iraq because Baghdad is seen as still not cooperating fully with the terms of the Gulf war ceasefire.

The sanctions bar all trade with Iraq, but allow it to import food, medicine and other humanitarian goods. But with no legal foreign trade, Baghdad has little or no hard currency to buy food and medicine abroad.

At one of its periodic 60-day reviews of the comprehensive sanctions on Iraq, the council members saw no reason to relax the sanctions regime.

The decision came hours after reports circulated that the Iraqi government was massing troops and tanks in northern Iraq, raising fears of a renewed attack on Kurds in the region.

Iraq still refuses to recognise the border demarcated by U.N. surveyors between it and Knwait. and last week boycotted the final meetings of the U.N. boundary commission that redrew the bor-

U.S. officials are also investigating whether the government sent Iraqi agents into Kuwait to assassinate former President George Bush when he visited the emirate in late April to receive thanks for helping liberate Kuwait from Iraqi occupation.

The sanctions were imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990. Iraqi troops occupied the emirate for seven months until they were driven out by the U.S.-led allied coalition in the Gulf war.

Iraq has refused to sell \$1.6 billion in oil under strict U.N.

supervision to generate funds for Iraqi relief programmes, war reparations and to pay for U.N. programmes to dismantle Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. Iraq says the restrictions on the oil sale violate its sovereignty.

The Security Council, meeting behind closed doors, formally decided Iraq had not fulfilled requirements of all the Gulf war resolutions, which centre on demolishing Bahgdad's weapons of mass destruction.

"We have decided there is no justification for amending them in any way," Britain's ambassador, Sir David Hannay, said. In answer to questions, he said

that some of the delegations who spoke at the meeting mentioned "the continuing repression of both Kurds and Shiite minorities in Iraq.
But he indicated there was no

discussion of unconfirmed reports that Iraq is preparing to attack Kurdish enclaves in the north. Later, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said that the U.N. ambassadors of the United States, Britain, France and Russia warned Iraq March 26 that "any provocative actions would receive a firm and united

mains in effect." Mr. Boucher said Irao had had considerable forces in the north for some time. He declined to discuss the situation further.

response, and that warning re-

But a senior State Department official said there had been no dramatic new developments since March 26 and described a New York Times report as "hyped, although we continue to have

concerns. Quoting Wesetern diplomats in the region and Kurdish military commanders, the New York Times said Iraqi forces have moved long-range artillery, tanks and trucks to the front in the last few days, concentrating their buildup in areas south of Erbil and Sulaimaniyeh. The Times said an Iraqi assault against those Kurdish areas could come as early as the first week in June.

Earlier, prior to a meeting with Foreign Minister Yousef Ben Alawi of Oman, Secretary of State Warren Christopher told a questioner there had been "some preliminary reports with respect

to Iraqi troop movements. What I would say to Saddam Hussein is that we intend to enforce the United Nations resolutions with great resoluteness. He knows what he has to do," Mr. Christopher said, "and we'll be watching very carefully for any changes in that situation that might call for further action by the United States."

The United Nations meanwhile, warned that aid for the Kurds in northern Iraq as well as for needy people suffering the effects of the trade embargo in the rest of the country, will be brought to an end within weeks unless Western countries provide more money and supplies.

In a letter sent to the president of the Security Council early last week, U.N. Secretrary General Boutros Ghali warned that unless the United Nations received more money and food from donor countries, he would be forced to suspend the whole relief programme in Iraq as well as in the Kurdish-controlled northern areas by "the end of May 1993 or mid-June 1993."

MEA urges Washington to end ban

BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon stands to lose up to \$100 million this summer because of a U.S. ban on air ticket sales to Beirut, the chairman of Lebanon's national carrier

Abdul Hamid Fakhoury president of Middle East Airines (MEA), said an estimated 30,000 Lebanese Americans were expected to fly to Lebanon in the summer "Unfortunately, the Amer-

ican administration banned us from providing reservations through Europe for pas-sengers in the United States destined for Beirut," Mr. Fakhoury said at a news conference at MEA headquarters at Beirut airport.

"This is going to strip the MEA from \$15 million and Lebanon from up to \$100 million because the 30,000 Lebanese Americans are not going to be able to make it back to the motherland," Mr. Fakhoury added.

He was referring to a re-cent U.S. crackdown on MEA ticket sales in the United Strates to Beirut in violation of a U.S. travel ban to

Mr. Fakhoury said MEA was willing to pay the fine of \$1,000 for each day its office in New York has issued tickets for Beirut, a sum of around \$3 million.

"We have complied with ban and have stopped MEA flights to the United States. But we never thought the ban also includes those Lebanese wishing to travel back to their motherland," Mr. Fakhoury

The American ban on Lebanon dates back to the 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner to Beirut, where more than 30 American passengers were held hotage for 17 days and a U.S. navy diver

Mr. Fakhoury said, nevertheless, MEA continued to ssue bookings for Beirutdestined passengers via Europe by printing the num-ber of the Beirut-London Flight 202 on the ticket plus Damascus.
"We have always thought

the American administration, which was aware of our operation, did not mind thi procedure and thus kept silent about it for seven years," Mr. Fakhoury said.

He appealed to the United States to reconsider the ban and allow Lebanese Americans to travel to Lebanon before for the summer season beginning in June.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

S. Arabia criticises Western media

DUBAI (R) - Saudi Arabia's interior minister, Prince Nayef Ben Abdul Aziz, has sharply attacked Western media for focusing on human rights in the kingdom. Prince Nayef, quoted by the Qatari News Agency Monday, said Western media had malicious sims against the Arab World and against Saudi Arabia in particular, where he said simple events were exaggerated. He said Saudi Arabia practised Islamic law and respected human rights more than European and Western countries which he said were attacking Saudi Arabia's record. "We are an Islamic state fully implementing Islamic Sharia law in all matters. This does not suit some of the Western media, who inflate any simple or normal event in Saudi Arabia," he said. "Where are the Palestinians' human rights, and where are the principles of human rights which are violated daily in Bosnia-Herzegovina" he asked. "Why do the Western agencies not deal with these cases." The Qatari News Agency report said Prince. Nayef was speaking at a news conference Sunday evening in Mina, a few kilometres from the Holy City of Mecca. His comments as reported by the agency made no reference to Saudi Arabia's crackdown on a group of ultra-conservative religious figures who set up the kingdom's first human rights group earlier this month.

Fundamentalists jailed in Tunisla

TUNIS (R) - A Tunisia court handed down prison sentence of seven more years Tuesday on 46 Islamic fundamentalists accused of forming a guerrilla group, lawyers said Tuesday. The defendants were arrested in 1991. They denied during their week-long trial belonging to the Commandos of Sacrifice, an offshoot of the banned Islamist movement Al Nahda. Three were sentenced to seven years and 43 to seven years and two months. Sixteen others tried in their absence were given sentences of 11 years, the lawyers said. Nearly 300 Muslim fundamentalist leaders and activists were tried last year for plotting against the state and sentenced to jail terms ranging from a few years to life.

Ex-Italian diplomat going to Sudan as U.N. envoy

UNITED NATIONS (R) - An Italian diplomat was appointed Monday as special U.N. envoy to Sudan where a million people risk starvation resulting from a 10-year-old civil war. Vieri Trakler, a former U.N. ambassador from Italy, intends to visit the country and neighbouring nations shortly to focus international attention on Sudan's humanitarian crisis. A U.N. statement said Mr. Traxler, who would also go to Kenya. Ethiopia and Uganda, would consult with Nigerian authorities, host country for the recent abortive peace talks between the Sudanese government and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Movement.

Iranian police nab highway robbers

TEHRAN (R) - Police have arrested four thieves who stopped a businessman on an airport highway after he returned from Germany and robbed him of about \$120,000 cash, a newspaper said. The robbers, posing as security agents, stopped the Iranian businessman's taxi on the highway, told him he was under investigation and took him to their car, making off with his case containing 162,000 German marks (\$100,000) and \$20,000 in cash, it said. Police tracked down the robbers by watching street corner foreign exchange dealers. A fraction of the cash plus large amounts of rials were recovered from the robbers who said they bought two cars with the rest of the moeny, Kayhan said. Thieves face long jail

World Bank readies Yemen education project

SANAA (R) - The World Bank is preparing a project to improve the quality of secondary education in Yemen, a senior bank official said Monday. Senior specialist Yogendra Saran said the six-year project, costing between \$30 million and \$60 million, would also improve female access to secondary education and establish a community college system oriented to the labour market. Mr. Saran, who is leading a team in Sanaa, said the World Bank was expected to decide in October on final approval for the project and how much financial support to offer. He said the World Bank has since 1972 loaned former South Yemen and North Yemen over \$175 million to cover 14 educational and health projects.

Bomb explodes at Iran newspaper office

TEHRAN (R) --- A bomb exploded at the office of Ettelaat, Iran's second biggest newspaper publishing group, a newspaper reported. Salam newspaper said the blast hit the ground floor of the Ettelaat office in central Tehran last week. It did not say if it caused any casualties or damage. Ettelaat editors declined to comment on the report. Windows of the Ettelaat office were smashed during a protest last month by a group of "Basijis," paramilitary volunteers in the Revolutionary Guards Corps, who took offence at an issue of Ettelaat's weekly magazine. Salam said the explosion which occurred after midnight was probably linked to the same row which started when the weekly printed the picture of a Revolutionary Guard commander killed during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war next to a story headlined: "I have become mentally disturbed." weekly denied the layout was intentional and apologised for the slip. Ettelaat is the sixth Iranian publication whose office has come under attack by bombs or demonstrators for various reasons in the past two years.

Saudis collect \$95 million to help Bosnians

DUBAI (R) — Saudi Arabia has collected over \$95 million in private and official donations to help Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the official Saudi Press News Agency said Monday. The agency, quoting an announcement by a Saudi government charitable organisation; said the organisation collected 241.8 million riyals (\$64.5 million) from private donations and 114.6 million (\$30.5 million) from government and official sources. It said most of the aid, coordinated by the higher committee for the collection of donations, was given directly to the Muslim government of Bosnia-Herzegovina. It said the committee was also supervising the feeding of bundreds of refugees at Muslim camps in the Croatian cities of Zagreb and Split. It was also organising health care and education for the refugees, the agency said. The committee is run by Prince Salman Ben Abdul Aziz, governor of Riyadh and brother of King Fahd.

British politician alleges bid to cover Iraq scandal before Iraq invaded Kuwait. amended with the end of the Conservative with close links to

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

AMMAN:

LONDON (R) - British intelligence knew Iraq was developing a supergun years before parts were stopped on their way to Baghdad, a former politician and key informant in the British armsfor-Iraq scandal said Monday.

Sir Hal Miller also alleged at a judicial inquiry into the affair that a top government official tried to, cover up the scandal - a charge that was promptly denied. Mr. Miller said he told intelli-

gence officers in 1988 that Iraq was having "missile tubes" manufactured by a British engineering firm. His intelligence source had replied that his information "confirmed everything they knew," he

Yet apparently nothing was done to stop the huge gun being prepared by British engineering firms until barrel sections were intercepted on their way to Iraq in April 1990 - four months

Mr. Miller also accused former Attorney General Sir Patrick Mayhew of trying to prevent evidence about the case from coming to court. He said Mr. Mayhew, now Northern Ireland secretary, urged him not to produce documents that could have

cleared businessmen accused of

illegally exporting weapons to Iraq.
"Ministers were prepared to see businessmen wrongly convicted rather than tell how much they knew about our arms trade with Iraq," Mr. Miller said.

Mr. Mayhew denied Mr. Miller's allegations. "I have never urged Sir Hal Miller or anyone else to withhold evidence which would advantage a defendant," he said in a statement. He offered to testify to the

Mr. Miller, a long-time leading

defence equipment firms, has been a key figure in inquiries into the supergun scandal. But this is the first time he has publicly said he told intelligence about the gun in 1988.

Prime Minister John Major ordered the current inquiry by Lord Justice Scott after a fresh. case of arms exports to Iraq exploded last November when three British businessmen from the Iraqi-owned engineering firm Matrix Churchill were acquitted of illegally selling arms-making

machine tools to Iraq.

Their trial collapsed when the court accepted the government may have relaxed its own arms export rules and encouraged arms and arms-released sales to Iraq.

The government acknowledged to the 1991-92 parliamentary inquiry that guidelines written in 1948 and published in 1985 were

Iran-Iraq war in 1988. They were eased to cover only "lethal" equipment of direct and significant aid to either country, thus exempting machine tools. But the Miller evidence adds to

belief by many politicians that intelligence services knew more than they have let on about the supergun and arms sales in gener-"If Sir Hal Miller's comments

are right then this was certainly not a cockup, it would be a conspiracy," said opposition Labour Party politician Jim Cousins, who took part in the inquiry. Mr. Cousins later called for Mayhew to resign.
Foreign Office Minister of

State Baroness Chalker said in response to a question in parliament Monday that no lethal defence equipment had been supplied to Iran since 1979.

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from world leaders

AMMAN (Petra) — Their Ma-jesties King Hussein and Queen Noor Tuesday attended a reception hosted by Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker to mark Jordan's Independence Day.

On the occasion King Hussein received cables from heads of Arab, Islamic and foreign states, congratulating him on Jordan's Independence Day and wishing him con-tinued good health and happiness and the Jordanian people further progress and prosper-

ity.
The cables praised King Hussein's wise leadership and keen interest in issues of freedom, democracy and human

They also praised his role in enhancing Arab and interna-The King also received

cables from Jordanian govern-ment, parliamentary and milit-ary officials.

King cables Shevardnadzeh His Majesty also sent a cable Tuesday to President Eduard Shevardnadzeh of Georgia, congratulating him in his own name and on behalf of the Jordanian people and govern-ment on Georgia's independ-

ence day. The King wished the Geor-gian president continued good health and happiness and the people of Georgia further progress and prosperity.

Survey: Women directors perform better than women supervisors

AMMAN (Petra) — The Institute of Public Administration has released a study on women in supervisory and leading positions at various ministries

The study, prepared by Raja Fayyadh of the IPA's Research Department, aimed at identifying points of strength and weakness in women's performance as supervisors and included proposals for developing women's supervisory skills.

The target comprised 77 female supervisors working at the various ministries, of whom 65 responded to the survey's questionnaire.

The study discovered that performance of female directors of denartments was better than that of female heads of

It also found that performance of women supervisors, who hold a Bachelor's degree was better than that of those holding higher academic de-

The level of acceptance by male supervisers of women su-pervisors was found to be moderate to high, and the impact of family and other commitments on women's performance was said to be of little effect, according to the study.

King receives cables | Suheimat illustrates inefficiency of public sector

By Samir Shafiq Special to the Jordan Times :

AMMAN - Deputy Prime Minister and Transport Minister Ali Suheimat told a large group of businessmen Monday night that the government and the public sector often fall under social and non-economic pressures which result in pumping funds into marginal projects that are neither beneficial nor healthy.

Speaking at a dinner hosted by the Jordanian Businessmen's Association at the Forte Grand Hotel, the minister said govern-ment institutions and public sector companies largely tend to hide their failures and losses behind political or social pretexts and still receive financial support through tax and customs exemptions and other services and fees which could be directly or in-directly secured from official

Although be characterised the public sector as inefficient, the minister did not find it necessary to curb government spending by imposing a hiring freeze on civil servants and reducing the bloated government workforce in order to enhance the role of the private

"Jordan has traditionally been a source for providing countries in the region with highly qualified employees and the Kingdom is now struggling with high unem-ployment which has resulted from the return of tens of thousands of expatriates from the Gulf," the minister said.

He stressed that the civil service cadres were not overstaffed to a critical level.

Mr. Suheimat said in his address, entitled "Privatisation and the Investment Climate in Jordan," that the privatisation aimed mainly at lessening govern-ment control and intervention in the economic activities in general, and at upgrading the administrative, financial and overall performance in various entities.

He specified that the general policy of the gover ments in fu-ture stages should oe based on giving the private sector the role of economic development and that the role of the government should be limited to social development and improving the performance of government iministration.

Mr. Suheimat emphasised that to expand the investment opportunities in the Kingdom, it was essential that a core change take place in government administration by effectively implementing decentralisation and focusing the functions of the central government on preparing budgets, drawing policies, supervising, fol-lowing up and executing projects of national character.

Moreover, he pointed out, the central government should leave the local projects to be executed by executive councils at governorate levels and should give these councils the authority to take whatever decisions needed to develop the governorates.

The minister admitted that citizens and investors alike, face the routine and bureacratic impediments at the forefront of problems when trying to process their affairs with the government and, as such, there should be bard work to eliminate the routine through delegation authority, accountability, updating legislations and upgrading staff

Mr. Suheimat highlighted the inefficiency of the public sector by detailing the following exam-

A) Att the end of 1990, the total assets of government institutions and public sector com-

panies (where the government and governments in-stitutions hold over 40 per workers. cent of shares) was nearly 85 per cent of the total of the service public shareholding

shareholding companies. By adding the assets of government-owned Royal Jordanian (the national aircarrier) and excluding banks and financial companies, the assets of the state were three times as much as those of the private sector. Yet, the return on these state assets was negligible from 1984 until 1988 when the devaluation of the dinar brought some financial benefits from exports of

companies and nearly 60 per

cent of the industrial public

mineral products. By contrast, private sector companies recorded profit returns of 21 per cent during the 1984-88 period, the minister said. Thirteen government-owned

companies had total assets of JD 990.5 million, but had a pre-tax return of two per cent between 1981 and 1990. whereas 23 private companies with a JD 107.1 million in assets had a pre-tax return of 6.8 per cent in the same period.

The 23 private companies made JD 22.5 million in profits between 1984-88, and the 13 state-owned companies posted a JD 54.5 million loss in the same 5-year period. The profit/loss amounts

mentioned translated into a negative 5.5 per cent for the state firms compared to 21.1 per cent profit for the private

Another inidcator was that there were 10.2 Jordanian workers for every one million dinars invested by the state firms, whereas the same in-

vested amount by the private firms employed 28 Jordanian

C) The industrial companies in which the government had a high equity registered sales growth of 94 per cent between 1981 and 1990, whereas private industrial firms had a 188 per cent sales growth in the same period.

During the 1986-1990 crisis ears the growth was 35 per cent and 167 per cent respectively.



Ali Suheimat

Growth of fixed assets from 1981-1990 was 39 per cent for industries with heavy state equity, and for the others the growth was 87 per cent. During the 1986-90 crisis years, the percentages were negative 22 and a positive one per cent respectively.

The average pre-tax return from 1981-1990 was 3.6 per cent (3.0 per cent from 1986-1990) at the industrial firms with large state capital, but the return was 7.1 per cent (9.2 per cent from 1986-90) at the others.

Another indicator showed productivity (measured against manower) at 35 per cent in "state industries" compared to 83 per cent at other industries.

Finally "state industries" were shown to have had 16 per cent employment for every million di-

private industries had a 29.7 em- ders. ployment rate.

government-controlled system that state control was more in the interest of the masses.

Mr. Suheimat said he favoured selling small portions of state equity in large public shareholding companies over a number of condition that the proceeds from the sale go into a special fund to finance social development projects or, in exceptional cases, to temporarily finance economic sector at Aqaba Port. schemes to encourage the participation of the private sector in the initial stages. The government would later withdraw totally from the schemes, he elaborated. Mr. Suheimat said the privatisation process should be considered on a case by case basis,

government entities. He added that his opposition was not against the principle per se, but primarily because it was very difficult to give a fair market value to the entities to be sold.

though he was against selling

buvers, even if a price evaluation could be reached, and the large number of employees at those entities, in addition to the social and economic objections which would result from the sale, were straits. all factors which weighed heavily against the sales. The minister said that the Pub-

would remain as a government entity without new expansion in its assets of buses, and that its role would be to supervise, follow up and conduct studies.

The PTO has recently withroutes and given six of them to and Marriott hotels.

nars of investment, whereas more private companies through ten-

Other tenders are to be The minister noted that the announced in the coming few main obstacle to privatising state- months, the minister said, noting owned firms was the re-istance that the private companies have from those benefitting from the provided new buses to the routes, and that the transport service was and from those who still believe going better than before.

although fares were not changed. Mr. Subeimat said that the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) will not be privatised and that the Ports Authority in Adaba would remain as the govyears to an acceptable level, on ernment body controlling marine operations there, as well as the

shore area, the piers and stores. He said only a few schemes would be open for the private

Furthermore, the government would retain control over water resources, but, according to Mr. Suheimat, the best alternative would be to have the private sector run the distribution network as is the case with electric-

Royal Jordanian was described by the minister as being the most important and the largest government-owned company operating on a commercial basis. He said RJ has grown in the past in a way that was not proportion-The lack of potential private ate to its ability to economically utilise its assets.

He added that RJ also faced negative circumstances from the turmoil in the region and 35 3 result was in serious financial

A government-appointment committee is currently studying transforming RJ into a public lic Transport Company (PTO) shareholding company, subject to would remain as a government strict-economic standards in its operations.

The government is also conducting studies in preparation to sell its equity in the tourism sector, especially in hotels, -- namedrawn its buses from certain ly the Jordan InterContinental

Iraqi artists pay homage to King Hussein

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and

the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed

EXHIBITIONS

Art exhibition entitled "Fragments: Weavings and Works on

☆ Art exhibition by Patrice Pain at the French Cultural Centre.

Armenian miniature exhibition adapted by Clara Metzhago-

☆ Exhibition of sculptures by Artist Abdul Hayy Musallam at

☆. Exhibition of paintings by Rafiq Al Lahham at the Royal

☆ Film entitled "Far from the Madding Crowd" at 7 p.m. at the

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On the occasion, Alia Art Gallery inaugurated yesterday 50 paintings by Iraqi artists who feelings. used their works to express their e and appreciation for Jordan

and its leadership. The exhibition, inaugurated by

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British Council (156 minutes).

AMMAN (Petra) — Iraqi artists Minister of Culture, Mahmoud took part in Jordan's celebrations Al Samara, is "an indication of

Mr. Mukhled Mukhtar, head of the Iraqi Plastic Art Society, said that the exhibition was a free expression of the Iraqi artists'

The revenues of their works, which will be on display for one week, will go for financing the plastic art movement in Iraq.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

King condoles Hai Hassan family

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday delegated Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ben Zeid to convey his condolences to the Haj Hassan family over the death of their son Subhi Khalid Al Haj Hassan.

Sheikh Tamimi checks on pilgrims

MECCA (Petra) - Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Izzedine Al Khatib Al Tamimi Monday visited the residence of Jordanian pilgrims here to inspect their conditions and to ensure that all services are offered to them by the Jordanian pilgrim team. Sheikh Tamimi called on pilgrims to observe the administrative and organisational regulations in force in Saudi Arabia to ensure their comfort and safety.

Mahes celebrates Independence Day

MAHES (Petra) - Mahes Youth Centre Tuesday marked Jordan's Independence Day, by holding a special ceremony, under the patronage of Al al Bait University President Mohammad Adnan Al Bakhit. Attending the celebration were Minister of Industry and Trade Abdullah Ensour, member of the Lower House of Parliament Fawzi Tueimeh, the ministry of youth's advisor Ayed Hijazi, Mahes Mayor Mohammad Madi and several government officials from Balqa governorate.

Young man arrested for 2 murders

AMMAN (J.T.) — A young man was arrested by police Monday for murdering his mother and sister at their home in Musheirfa area in Ruseifa. Police said the 25-year-old man, who admitted to committing the crime, returned home on Monday and had a family quarrel with his mother and sister while they were watching television. The man fired several gun shots at this mother, 50, and sister, 30, instantly killing them. Police said they were called to

the scene by neighbours who heard the gunshots.

The bodies of the two women were sent to Zarqa government hospital for autopsy. Investigations in the case are still underway.

Schools' role in education stressed

AMMAN (Petra) - A meeting on the role of schools in guiding the educational process was held at the Ministry of Education Tuesday. Mr. Mohammad Al Wahsh, director general of the educational and training centre, chaired the meeting and stressed the role of scientific qualifications,

Study reveals livestock feed production down

AMMAN (Petra) - A study conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture on livestock in Jordan revealed a deterioration is pasture land in the past few years and a reduced animal feed production.

The study said that unorthodox methods of grazing, cutting down shrubs and trees and constant movement of agricultural and vehicles have led to a decrease in animal feed production.

The total amounts of green feed for animals produced in Jordan in 1990 for instance was estimated at 214,000 tonnes, in addition to 24,000 tonnes of barley, legumes and maize, 100,000 tonnes of straw and 110,000 tonnes of bran.

That year, a total of 694,000 tonnes of animal feed had to be imported to satisfy the local de-mand, said the study, released

While the production of animal feed was declining, eggs and poultry meat were on the increase, according to the study. By 1988, Jordan started pro-

ducing more than 543 million eggs annually, which is more than can be consumed; leaving extra amounts for export, the study noted.

It said poultry meat production is increasing and is almost enough to supply the local markets. In 1990, Jordan produced 75,300 tonnes of poultry meat

and also 96,359 tonnes of milk (half of the country's total de-

Referring to the agricultural sector, the study said that no specific agricultural policy exists



A recent Ministry of Agriculture study reveals that pasture lands have deteriorated in the

past few years in Jordan noting that this sector is governed by old regulations and

agreements. The study proposed that the new five-year socio-economic plan in Jordan should give due attention to agriculture.

This can be done, it suggested, by improving veterinary vaccines, conducting a survey to determine animal diseases and ways to combat them, improving and boosting sheep fattening projects and rearing fish.

The study referred to government subsidies and assistance to

local farmers and animal keep- al farmers veterinary vaccines for total JD25 million annually.

to increase livestock production, the government has facilitated the export of sheep, said the

straints impede livestock produc- a view to improving production. tion, such as natural causes adopt agricultural extension poli-(weather conditions) and man- cies, reclaim semi-desert regions, agement of farms and lack of increase the production of sound government policies on

ers, noting that this assistance their animals, expand veterinary services to cover all regions, in-In order to encourage farmers crease the area of pasture lands and improve agricultural inputs.

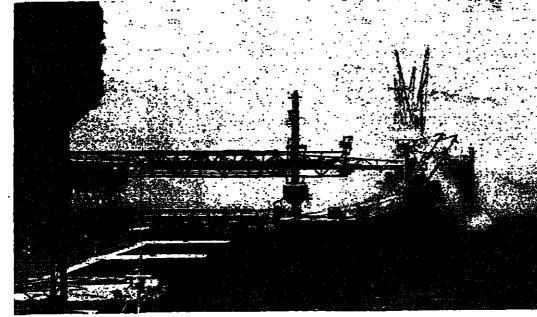
The study also suggested that the Ministry of Agriculture inten-But it added that several con- sify its research programmes with legumes production, which are of benefit to man and animal alike, The study suggested that the 'and boost the work of agricultura' Ministry of Agriculture offer loc- cooperative societies.

Dust control units to be installed at Aqaba port

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Aqaba Ports Corporation (APC) will take delivery of two choke feeder systems (dust control devices) next month, to be installed at the harbour.

The systems are designed to control and reduce the amounts of falling dust resulting from the process of loading vessels with phosphate, according to engineer Daoud Jaafari, head of the corporation's Phosphate Division. The two choke feeder systems that have been manufactured by the American firm, Midwest International, at the cost of \$500,000, are expected to be erected at the harbour in July, said Mr. Jaafari in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra. Recent years saw an increase in the amounts of dust in the port area close to Aqaba city resulting from loading nearly 300 vessels with phosphate annually, noted Mr. Jaafari.

To tackle this problem and to teduce the level of pollution to the Aqaba city residents and vacationers along the coast, Mr. faafari explained the corporation contracted the Midwest International last February to manufacture and supply the choke feeders, which, according to some estimates, would decrease the total dust emission during shiploading processes by more than 90 per cent.



Phosphate is loaded on ship in Aqaba (file photo) He said the decision to install the equipment followed detailed studies on means of reducing the

resultant rate of pollution. Mr. Jaafari said the phosphate dust pollutes the environment on land and sea, endangering public health, particularly the harbour workers and the residents of the

post city. Earlier methods to reduce the

dust, including covering the phosis expected to export 4.3 million phate while being loaded on board the ships in bulk, proved tonnes of phosphate this year to futile, said Mr. Jaafari.

Most of Jordan's phosphate is mined in the south, near Maan and transported by train or truck to Aqaba for export via cargo

The Jordan Phosphate Mines

21 countries, mainly in Asia and to Australia and New Zealand. According to Mr. Jaafari. the new equipment is computercontrolled to eliminate dust with

only small amounts of aspiration. He said no dust piping and no-dust collectors will be used in Company (JPMC) had said that it these systems.

Authorities expand Al Risheh gas fields

project administrator representing Petro-Canada which is help-eration. ing in the development of Jordanian gas fields.

Mr. Hutchinson said in a statement to the Jordan Times that an auxiliary gas treatment facility is now being constructed at the Al Risheh site. Production from the new gas

facilities for processing, Mr. Hutchinson explained,
This treated gas will be used by the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) as fuel to generate electric

power for the country.

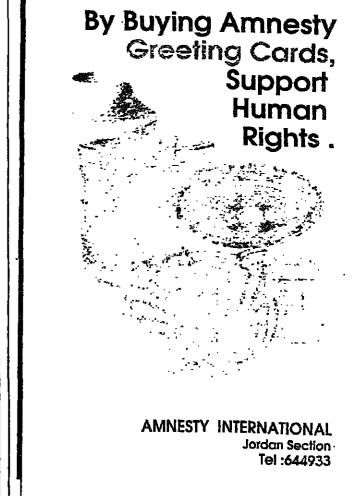
wells will be piped to these new

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Natural Resources Authority (NRA) of Jordan is expanding natural gas processing facilities at Al Risheh near the border with Iraq, found, JEA moves quickly to the according to Ken Hutchinson, the site because it has an interest in utilising it for electric power gen-

> According to NRA sources, the present daily output of 22 million cubic feet from Al Risheh gas fields is used to operate two 30-megawatt turbines installed by the JEA to generate 13 per cent of the Kingdom's power needs. With the completion of the expansion project in the proces-

sing facilities, Mr. Hutchinson said the electric power output will be immensely boosted. He said the design, engineering and construction of the pipeline and gas treatment facility is being managed by Petro-Canada





Clinton, Chelsea

WASHINGTON (R) - Any

other father and daughter taking

a walk Sunday would have gone

largely unnoticed, but President

Bill Clinton and daughter

Chelsea stopped traffic and some

tourists during a rare afternoon stroll. Tourists and motorists

were surprised to see the presi-

dent and his daughter walking hand-in-hand to a local book

store some three blocks away from the White House, Mr. Clin-

people was tarnished by news of his \$200 haircut aboard Air Force

One at Los Angeles Airport last

week, shook some hands and

nodded hello to awed tourists.

The president and his daughter

passed over a book about first

lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on

display in the window and

another on Chelsea's cat, Socks.

Instead, the president bought the

latest book by Scott Turow titled

Pleading Guilty, while 13-year-old Chelsea settled on five scien-

Ramos takes early

National Museum

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

Philippine President Fidel Ramos

didn't let an out-of-town visit

interrupt his daily jog Monday. At 5:45 a.m., with a contingent of

security personnel and col-leagues. Gen. Ramos ran about

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Israeli treasury says closure slows growth

territories two months ago is work permits have been issued. slowing Israeli economic growth

number of Palestinians from the the building and farming sectors. It was imposed after 13 Israelis died in Arab attacks in March.

The treasury report, given to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's cabinet Sunday, predicts the closure will slow economic growth by 0.5 to one per cent while boosting annual inflation by two to three points.

Gross domestic product rose 6.4 per cent in 1992 compared with 5.9 per cent in 1991. Inflation in 1992 was a single-digit figure for the first time in 23 years - 9.4 per cent, down from 18 per

cent in 1991. While Mr. Rabin has cited "security benefits" in sealing off the occupied territories' Palesti-Minister Abraham Shorat stressed the economic drawbacks.

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's treasury forecast Monday that a cloworked in Israel before the clowor sure imposed on the occupied sure. Since then, only 40,000

Palestinians made up about 45 in 1993 and accelerating inflation. per cent of Israel's 185,000 con-It said the closure, limiting the struction workers before the closure. Their absence has caused occupied territories allowed to delays, raising demand for rental work in Israel, had mostly hurt apartments, rents and inflation, the report said.

> It further predicted agricultural labour problems would push up the prices of fresh produce. Palestinians of the occupied territories made up 20 per cent of the agricultural work force before the

> The cabinet on Sunday approved a plan to invest \$5.5 million a month in the occupied territories as a temporary mea-Sure, training for Israelis and new technology.

Samir Abdullah, a leading eco-nomist and member of the Palestinian delegation to Middle East peace talks, said earlier this month the output of goods and nians, the report by Finance services from the occupied territories had dropped by between 50



Kooijmans in Beirut after Syria, Jordan

BEIRUT (AP) - Dutch Foreign Minister Peter Kooijman discussed the Middle East peace process with Lebanese officials Monday. After talks with President Elias Hrawi, Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and Foreign Minister Faris Bouez, he told reporters he was "thrilled by the return of peace to Lebanon." Mr. Kooijman was the first ranking Dutch official to visit Lebanons since the 15-year civil war ended in 1990. He arrived from Jordan late Sunday. He said his swing was aimed at urging the Arabs and Israel to stick to the Middle East peace process, despite the lack of progress 19 months after it was launched. "It is my fervent wish to see the Middle East peace process successful in the near future," he

Turks link Iranian centre to attacks

ANKARA (AP) - A senior Turkish official claimed in an interview published Monday that Iran's cultural centre in Ankara made the arrangements for members of a Turkish Muslim extremist group to receive "terrorist" training in Iran. Renewing charges of an Iranian hand behind "terrorist" attacks in Turkey, Interior Minister Ismet Sezgin for the first time identified two Iranian diplomats who purportedly had contacts with the Turkish group called Islamic Action. Two members of Islamic Action are in jail for a failed attack against a prominent Jewish businessman in Istanbul earlier this year and the group is also suspected in the killing in January on Ugur Mumcu, a leading Turkish critic of Islamic fundamentalism. A high-level security official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said officials of the Iranian Cultural Centre were protected by diplomatic immunity, which hampered efforts to detain further evidence.

U.S. ties emerge as Iran campaign topic

NICOSIA (AP) - An Iranian presidential candidate said Monday he favoured a face-to-face dialogue with the United States to improve relations, marred by acrimony since the rise of the Islamic resolution in 1979. "Some would consider direct talks as being harmful whereas indirect talks are much more harmful," former parliament member Rajab Ali Taherei said, according to the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA). He spoke during a debate at IRNA's headquarters which was supposed to be attended by all four candidates running in the June 11 presidential race, including President Hashemi Rafsanjani. However, only Mr. Taheri and one rival, Abdullah Jafar Alai Jaseri, a university chancellor, attended, said IRNA, monitored in Nicosia. The fourth contestant is former Labour Minister Ahmad Tavakoli. "We would not yield to the hegemony of any government," Mr. Taheri said. But "direct talks with Washington to normalise relations" could help safeguard Iranian interests, like unfreezing Iranian assets. "In our foreign policy towards other countries, the United States included, we are not hostile to any government or nation," he added, according to

'Peru knowingly shot down U.S. plane'

NEW YORK (R) — Secret documents show that Peruvian fighter jets knowingly shot down a U.S. spy plane last year, killing a crew member, Newsweek magazine reported Sunday. According to a secret U.S. embassy cable obtained by the magazine, a Peruvian base commander left "no doubt" that his pilots knew they shot at a U.S. plane. Newsweek said U.S. Air Force Sergeant Joseph Beard, 34, was reported missing off the Peruvian coast on April 24, 1992, after he was sucked out of a C-130H at 18,500 feet through a hole blown in the plane by Peruvian fighter jets. Four other crewmen were injured. The magazine said the plane was on a spy mission — code-named Furtive Bear — to Peru to secretly photoaph cocaine labs and airstrips in the coca-rich Upper Huallage valley. It was intercepted and forced down by Peruvian jets. But, Newsweek reported, "the U.S. and Peruvian governments don't want anyone to find out why" the plane was shot down. The Pentagon did little to publicise the incident except to clear both countries of serious



SHORTLIVED TALKS: Jadran Topic, leader of U.N. forces, for talks with Muslims. Fifteen mithe Croatian community in Mostar, leaves a mutes later the talks collapsed (see related story on Spanish armoured personnel carrier serving with page 8)

London-based organisation seeks to address human rights in Muslim World

By Masa Aloui Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The lack of democracy and respect for human rights in the Muslim World is largely responsible for instability, underdevelopment and poverty and thus has led a group of Muslim intellectuals from different parts of the Muslim World to found Liber-

Liberty, according to its founders, aims at defending and promoting human rights. civil liberties and democratic reforms in the Muslim World.

The organisation was estab-lished in February 1992 in London. According to its charter, Liberty is not associated to any political group and does not serve the interest of any regime or government. It is financed by its founding members and donations from supporters and

The aim of the organisation is to shed the light on the "ongoing violation and abuse of human rights so as to enlighten the world's public opinion to the conditions in some countries controlled by tota-

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of the Labour Party.

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litarian and repressive regimes in the Muslim World." Furthermore, Liberty says, it wants to "warn against the long-term dangers inherent in supporting repressive regimes to the world's stability and prosper-

Liberty's first action was in

Algeria where it formed "The Friends for Democracy in Algeria" in the aftermath of the cancellation of parliamentary elections and the suspension of the democratic process by the Algerian authorities in January 1992. According to "Sultan," a member of the organisation who did not wish to be further identified, Liberty also co-sponsored a conference at the London school of. economics recently on "Islam

and Democracy in North Afri-

Liberty's press releases were prominent and were quoted extensively by news agencies during the recent Saudi crackdown on the group of Saudi scholars who sought to establish the first human rights organisation in the Arabian Peninsuia. The Saudi group created the Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights as part of growing calls for reforms in the oil-rich kingdom since the Gulf

Liberty has urged the Saudi authorities to release the members of the committee and its supporters. The organisation sees Saudi arrests as further complicating the issue and advocates democratic reforms in Saudi Arabia to ensure the promotion of human rights and civil liberties there.

The organisation has also been active during the Yemeni elections held late last month. Liberty then issued a report on it and attended and monitored the election process as part of its campaign to lobby world support for Muslim countries that take bold steps towards democracy.

The organisation is considering opening branches in the Muslim countries that are willing to practise democracy and accept it. Asked if it was its intention to improve the image of Islam in the West, Sultan said in a letter to the Jordan Times that such an endeavour would be "accomplished as a side-product of our activities.

Women treated worse than men — U.N. report

WASHINGTON (AP) - United women, and so far they have not found a single country that treats its women as well as its men.

The United States drops from its women as well as its men.

1993 U.N. Human Development 14th. Report concludes.

Development Programme cldue Sweden, France, Denmark, (UNDP) project which is attempting to chronicle the quality of life and Portugal. everywhere on the planet.

includes changes in national laws and other efforts to decrease gender bias, "no country treats its women as well as it treats its men," the report being released Tuesday reveals.

It draws the conclusion based on a statistical study of the 33 countries and determines that some do much better than other

Among the worst is Japan, tion. which is ranked number one in the U.N.'s 1993 human developconsidered. The report, including and less than four per cent of the index, was made a available national cabinets. to news media earlier this month at a news conference in New government, the report said.

Other countries that decline in Nations researchers are gathering the index are Switzerland, Canainformation about the world's da, Germany, the United States,

Throughout the world, women sixth to ninth place in the index, are the neglected majority, the Switzerland drops from fourth to

None of the 33 countries' score Only 33 countries now keep on the index actually improves, enough gender-based statistics to but several move up in the rankmake comparisons, according to ings because others above them Mahbub Ul Haq, head of a U.N. are doing even worse. They in-

Mr. Haq, a former Pakistani Despite a spreading struggle finance minister, said the Human among women for equality that will focus mainly on women in development. By then, he said, researchers hope to gather data from 100 to 150 countries.

The report said discrimination against women in industrial countries is mainly in employment and wages, with women often earning

half the salary of men. In developing countries, it in giving equal opportunities and shows disparities also occur in health care, nutrition and educa-

In politics, women make up ment index but drops to seven- just over 10 per cent of partiateen when gender differences are mentarians or national legislators

At the start of 1993, only six and was being formally released countries had women as head of

The report also concludes that When gender differences are if women's unpaid housework factored in, Japan drops to 17th were counted as productive outplace in the quality-of-life index put in national income accounts, based on income, education and global output would increase by life expectancy in 173 countries. 20-30 per cent.

Betselem assails house demolitions

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The report came as Cornelio Sommaruga, the president of the International Committee of the Red Cross wound up a four-day tour of Israel and the occupied territories in which he criticised Israel for denying basic human rights to Palestinians.

Mr. Sommaruga met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, President Ezer Weizman and Palestinian leaders and was due to hold discussions with the ministers for police and justice.

A statement from Mr. Weiz-

man's office said Mr. Sommaruga brought up human rights issues, including the killing of Palestinian children by the army and the nearly eight-week closure of the occupied territories. Mr. Weizman said the closure was being gradually eased, the statement

Mr. Sommaruga told reporters: "In caring for law and order in your occupied territories, means have to be used that would not be

He also said there still is no

clear answer, in his view, as to

what the United States should do

misgivings about not taking any particular action, but said his

military commanders could not

tell him exactly what the mission

should be, how it would be

accomplished and how U.S.

troop involvement would be en-

commit force to this situation."

Mr. Bush said, adding that military intervention could not work

the same way as it did in the Gulf

speech to the national restaurant

association as his "coming out

party." refused to criticise Clin-

ton even though he was offered a

tempting target when a member

of the audience asked him where

he got his hair cut when he was in

the White House. Mr. Clinton

this week was the target of critic-

ism for an expensive haircut he

"I really think it would be

had which delayed air traffic.

inappropriate to criticise the pres-

ident in a personal way," Mr.

But, in musing about his admi-

nistration and why he lost the election, Mr. Bush warned about

the hazards of mixing perception and reality, especially when it

Bush said.

Mr. Bush, who referred to his

"I would be very rejuctant to

Mr. Bush said he still has some

about Bosnia.

calisthenics near the National Museum in central Seoul, aides said. Gen. Ramos arrived here Sunday for a four-day state visit which includes talks with South Korean President Kim Young-Sam and a speech at an Asian economic conference. He was driven to the museum grounds

from his hotel.

U.K. health officials to review fertility cases

LONDON (R) — British health

officials may stop free fertility treatment for single women after disclosures that a mother who gave birth to sextuplets is unmar-ried and living apart from the father, newspapers said. "Health Secretary Virginia Bottomley is to order a tightening of rules a governing the expensive proceedure," the Daily Express said. Medical authorities were criticised after it was disclosed that Jean Gibbins, who gave birth to five girls and a boy in the northern city of Leeds, was not married and already had a child. Religious and family groups were demanding to know why Ms. Gibbins, 29, had been accepted for fertility treatment on the gov-ernment's National Health Service when hundreds of married couples were on waiting lists. The Daily Telegraph said ministers will examine guidelines governing the selection of patients for fertility treatment in light of the con-troversy. Under the current system regional health authorities decide who will receive the treatment and in some cases hospital doctors. Junior Health Minister Tim Yeo told the Daily Telegraph there were serious questions about why such treatment should be provided to an unmarried woman.

Poor Brits

LONDON (R) — One in four of Europe's poor is British and only Portugal has more people living in poverty than Britain, the observer newspaper said. It said according to the European definition of poverty — an income of less than half of the EC average of £150 (\$232) a week - 12 million of the continent's 50 million poor are British. "We are the only country without a minimum wage or statutory protection on working hours, and among the worst on maternity provision. pensions and child care." Chris Pond, director of the Low Pay Unit lobby group, was quoted as saying.

Tourists turned away from Yosemite

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, California (AP) - Visitors without reservations were turned away from Yosemite National Park during the weekend because a heavy snowpack was blocking two important roads. The park was closed for about three hours on both Saturday and Sunday and may be closed for the same time period on Memorial Day weekend, said park spokeswoman Marla Lacass. About 2,000 cars were turned away Sunday. Snow plows have been encountering 10-foot to 16-foot (3metre to 5-metre) drifts left behind by the wettest winter in six years, park officials said.

Bush defends record. CHICAGO (AP) - Former fail," he said. "After the election,

President George Bush said he Minister Yitzhak Rabin as head

Israeli Radio reports said Mr. Rabin and Gen. Barak were at the army's northern command to hear first reports from soldiers in the field. Mr. Rabin is also demeasure of any presidency, and fence minister. Labour legislator Ori Orr. head of parliament's defence and foreign affairs committee, promised an investigation into who was

responsible for Monday's "friendly fire" killings. Meanwhile, three opposition parties withdrew motions of noconfidence against Mr. Rabin's coalition government that were to be debated later Monday. Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the right-wing Likud Party, said political debates were not appropri-

ate on such a day. Security sources in Lebanon said the two patrols battled before dawn in a valley near Qantara Village, an area where Israeli forces have repeatedly come under attack in recent weeks.

The Lebanese sources said pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) guerrillas in the nearby Qabrikha village, thinking the clash was between guerrillas and an Israeli patrol, fired rockets and machineguns at Israeli helicopter gunships.

Monday's incident and air raid followed an escalation of guerrilla attacks against Israeli forces,

would not use a speech to a restaurateur's group Sunday to Jefend his administration. He then proceeded to do exactly "It takes years to take the full

that's all right with me, because I am very quietly confidence that history will be a kinder and gentler judge than the jury of 1992." Mr. Bush said in a wide-ranging, 50-minute speech before the National Restaurant Association. "I believe that history will be

ery, very generous in its view of the deal I made with Boris Yeltsin to eliminate all intercontinental baltistic missiles."

He also defended his decisions to send American troops to the Gulf and to pull them out when he did. And he said he was proud of the job his administration did on the environment, education and the fight against drugs.

"I really wanted to clean up the environment and work with Congress. Or was it work with the environment and clean up Con- relaxed and confident one than gress?" Mr. Bush joked, drawing laughter and applause.

He said he was not bitter and would not cast himself in the role presidential critic or Congressbasher. Then he blamed the

(the media) started having seminars on were we fair to George Bush?' I don't think they would have held the seminars if they didn't know the answer."

The only criticism directed at President Bill Clinton came from Richard Marriott, president and chairman of the board of the National Restaurant Association, who introduced Mr. Bush.

Mr. Marriott said national health care and a reduction in how much of a business meal can be deducted from taxes would cause a 10 per cent drop in restaurant sales and cost the industry 165,000 jobs.

"Don't they understand that if we could afford to provide health care, we would provide health care?" Mr. Marriott said, referring to restaurant owners. Mr. Bush would only urge

association members not to cave in to anti-lobbying pressure and to keep pushing their legislators on issues they care about. Mr. Bush sounded at times like a candidate, albeit a much more

he was during the campaign. "If there was ever a status quo crowd in Washington, it wasn't at

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. It was is on Capitol Hill," he said. "You'd think that one of these media and Congress for his ous- days, the Congress would wake up and make themselves live by "Democrats in Congress the laws they pass for everybody

When someone in the audience shouted, "Bush in '96," Mr. Bush said he has no interest in running Mr. Bush said he and wife,

Barbara, are very happy in private life, painting a homey picture on Mrs. Bush cooking, the former president washing dishes, and dog Millie drying them.

Mrs. Bush is writing a book, he

said, and he plans to write one as well. They keep close tabs on their children and celebrated the birth of their 13th grandchild Thursday. Mr. Bush also said the plot to

assassinate him during his recent visit to Kuwait was genuine and that he did not learn about it until he returned to the United States. "Some of you probably read about the attempt in Kuwait, and

it was real," Mr. Bush said. "We didn't know about it until after the fact, after we got back to the states," he said. "But had I known ... I still would have

"It's not a macho thing. But that's how much confidence I have in the men and women who dedicate their lives to the Secret Service of the United States," he

Mr. Bush also praised Kuwaiti security and he said he did not intend to let any kind of threat imprison him.

"I'm going to go right on living my private life," the 68-year-old former president said.

of smuggling from Saudi Ara-The annual pilgrimage season has brought in hundreds of thousands of foreigners into

gling, they said. Jordan, has been going on for many years. Seepage into local

Authorities bust several

comes to making policy on the basis of opinion polls. wanted our domestic plan to else." Ministry seeks to blow off smoke clouding cigarette market

day, market sources say the

black market dealers made

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A chronic shortage of foreign-made cigarettes in the local market which sent prices shooting up in the past two weeks will be addressed with the arrival Thursday of a shipment by air, officials said

"We are expecting 250 cartons (of 50 ten-packs) each of the popular brands to land here Thursday, and this would give us a breathing space until another similar shipment arrives after the 'Eid holidays.' said Mustafa Khleifat, secretary-general of the Minis-

try of Supply. He said regular shipments by sea were being realigned to cope with the local demand and said he did not expect any recurrence of the shortage that left thousands rummaging through the market for their

Mr. Khleifat said the ministry, which holds the monopoly of importing cigarettes to the Kingdom, found itself out of stock as a result of an unexpected demand in the market prompted by a tightening of controls on both sides of the Syrian-Jordanian borders against smuggling.
"Those who used to smoke

smuggled cigarettes had no choice but to turn to those imported by the ministry and our stocks quickly ran out," he explained.

He said the authorities were reassessing their import schedules and drawing up new plans to cope with what is expected to be a continued high demand for legally imported cigarettes in the face of shortages of smuggled

cigarettes.

A gradual rise of prices was visible in the market over the

past six weeks, but there was no clear indication why.

Market sources said black

market dealers in smuggled cigarettes, particularly the popular Malboro brand, more than doubled their prices in the past week. A packet of smuggled Mal-

boro cigarettes which used to cost JD 1.1 in retail at the Ministry of Supply price for the brand was being sold for as much as JD 2.5 this week. Stockists of ministry-

imported Malboros also joined in the fray to take advantage of the situation. Prices of several other smuggled brands also went up. L&M, described as the "poor man's Malboro," was being

sold at JD 1.1 a pack compared

with 600 fils two weeks ago.

mates that around three mil-

lion foreign-made cigarettes

are consumed in Jordan every

Based on conservative esti-

several million dinars in the Mr. Khleifat said the ministry knew what was going on and that the authorities were

launching legal proceedings against those found to have violated the price regulations. He could not provide any explanation as to why many people preferred smuggled Malboros at a higher price when ministry-imported Mal-

boros were available in plenty before the crisis. "We asked the manufacturers, and they told us that the quality, was uniform throughout all types," he said.

But many smokers disagree. They say that the packets which bear the number "5" on the American consumer code bar contain a "distinctly different" quality and flavour than those with "4" and "3". The

"5" type fetches the highest price in the black market and the JD 2.5 price was applicable to this type in this week's "Apparently the manufac-

turers have different blends and flavours for different parts of the world and they have different plants," explained a smoker. Mr. Khleifat said the Minis-

try of Supply was getting all its shipments directly from the manufacturers. For instance, he said, Malboro cigarettes imported by the ministry are shipped direct to the Kingdom from the U.S. It meant that the other types

of the brand available in Jordan came from sources other than the plant which makes the "3" types. Some of the types available here do not carry the

consumer code bar. Agents and stockists who cater to the duty-free trade of own arrangements and sources. Cigarettes seeping to the market from the duty-free trade represent only a negligible part of the overall supply in the country, market sources SEY.

diplomats in Jordan have their

Some sources, meanwhile, offered an explanation that the shortage in the Jordanian market was an impact down the chain as a result of Syria's tightening of its borders with Lebanon two months ago.

"Very little smuggling is now going on from Lebanon to Syria, and this led to shortages in the Syrian market," explained one source. "This in turn led to reduced quantities available for smuggling into Jordan from Syria, and the tightening of control measures on the Syrian-Jordanian borders made things worse for smugglers."

Another factor that contributed to the shortage, other sources said, was the dwindling

Saudi Arabia, creating high demands within the Kingdom and leaving little for smug-Cigarette smuggling, a multi-million-dollar industry in

market also came from consignments originally bound for Iraq through the free zones in Jordan in the past years. illegal operations and confis-

cated large quantities of Iraqbound cigarettes before they entered the Jordanian market last year. Some of the cases are

Piracy hotspot moves to Hong Kong triangle

By Jeff Daeschner

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LONDON — Piracy, the ancient scourge of sailors, has disappeared from many areas of the world but it still strikes fear into the hearts of crews in Southeast

Maritime officials here say that despite a decline in reports of attacks worldwide, the global hotspot for piracy seems to have shifted from near the narrow Malacca Strait separating Indonesia and Malaysia to a triangle between China, the Philippines and Hong Kong.

"Piracy in many areas has just disappeared," said Eric Ellen, director of the International Marine Bureau (IMB), at the organisation's headquarters in Barking, near London. "It's now located in a very distinct triangle.'

The senior technical body of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the United Nations agency that monitors safety on the seas, is due to begin a five-day meeting in London on piracy and other issues on May

The meeting follows a series of mysterious attacks in the part of the triangle near Hong Kong where at least 15 of the 31 incidents reported in the first four months of this year have occurred. This compares with 10 in the southern part of the South China Sea near Indonesia and Malaysia.

International pressure on the governments of Indonesia and Malaysia seems to have decreased the number of attacks

near the Malacca Strait. Officials say they are unsure of the reason behind many of the Hong Kong triangle attacks, which appear to be related to China's efforts to control smuggling into its ports.

piratical attacks until we can find out their cause," Mr. Ellen said, adding that many of the attacks qualify as piracy because they Occur in international waters and are unwarranted interceptions.

In mid-April, a patrol boat identified as Chinese suddenly approached the Panamanian cargo ship Sun Kung 08 about 290 miles southeast of Hong Kong and ordered it to stop.

When the ship refused, the patrol boat opened fired on it and chased it for 30 minutes. Two Chinese guards eventually jumped on board, jammed the boat's radio transmissions and held the captain at gunpoint on the pretence that the vessel, which was carrying plywood bound for Hong Kong, was in-

volved in smuggling.

After questioning the captain about the cargo the guards left without taking anything.
Five days later, a Chinese pat-

rol vessel fired machineguns at the cargo ship Beacon in international waters south of Hong Kong. The ship escaped by increasing speed

The Hong Kong Marine Department has protested against these attacks and plans to report on them at the IMO meeting.

Mr. Ellen said he hoped to find out the reason for the attacks by creating an independent investigative body that would be run by the IMB's regional centre in Kuala Lumpur and which would provide more details than local authorities' reports.

'In order to combat piracy, you have to know exactly the details of what went on," he said. "Unless you know why (the attacks occurred), it's very difficult to combat them."

Reports of attacks worldwide dropped last year to 83 from 107 in 1991, but some experts say the

We have classified them all as figures do not reflect the real

Shipping companies often do not report attacks, either to protect their reputation among customers or to avoid delays and the high costs of keeping vessels in port for investigations.

"It's still running at far too high a level," said Andrew Linnington, spokesman for the British Merchant Navy Officers' Union. We can't see that anything has been done to really effectively stop the attacks."

Recent deaths in attacks in Southeast Asia show that pirates have become increasingly violent. officials say. In late April, a boat with 12

armed men stopped four fishing vessels near the Philippines and ordered the crews to jump over-board. The pirates stole the ves-

sels and left.

Five of the crew were later reported missing, feared dead. In the same area in March, a pirate attack resulted in the deaths of three members of an eight-man fishing crew.

Most maritime organisations advise ships to fend off pirate attacks by increasing speed or using water hoses rather than armed guards for fear of escalating the violence.

Mr. Ellen said international pressure on countries with pirateinfested waters provided the best long-term solution to fighting piracy in Southeast Asia.
"The fight isn't over. People

travelling this area do it with a great deal of fear and trepidation and we need to remove that



Stand up and challenge the world

Hamid Sharaf School, to school graduates Monday, May 24,

We are gathered this evening for our fifth graduation ceremony and our second in our new pre-

For this year's talk I would like to focus on the world and local problems that face and challenge the young people of today. You have more problems to face than previous generations. You have inherited a troubled world and hopefully you will be equipped to handle these problems and be able to help make the world a better place to live.

Of course, your first challenge is to get through your examinations successfully and then to get accepted in some institution of higher learning which is not an easy endeavour in these competitive times.

When you choose your field of study at university, I would urge you to look beyond the traditional areas of medicine and engineering and turn towards a career that will prepare you to deal with the many problems of the "new world disorder" which affect us directly in Jordan and

the Middle East.

One of the most pressing world problems is the use of energy, natural resources and water. Wise use of natural resources and finding ways to provide enough clean water to meet our basic needs in the present and future is becoming more of a problem every day. People all over the world treat water as a neverending commodity and waste it profusely. We need intelligent young people to work as geolog-

ists and environmentalists. Providing enough food for the growing population of the world

of the address made by Sue are malnourished and many are Dahdah, director of the Abdul starving. We need intelligent young people in the field of agriculture.

Prejudice and intolerance towards certain peoples of the world which ultimately leads to violence and war is another problem. We still have not learned to accept people who are different. Instead of becoming a more civilised world as we move towards the 21st century, we are becoming more barbaric. We need in-telligent young people to work in the social and political sciences to

World health is a problem. We have many incurable diseases that are killing many people. We need intelligent young people to work in scientific research laboratories to find cures for some of the dreadful diseases of our times. Another problem in the world

help combat prejudices.

education. Too many people are illiterate and are not in schools. Even those who are in school are not being educated to meet the needs of a changing world. We see evidence of this in our own society. People are not learning to think for themselves. Too many people are influenced by what others do and say. We need broad-minded, intelligent young people in the teaching

Enough of world problems and challenges for the future. We now have a more immediate challenge to face - one that has been put before us by His Majesty King Hussein: Under his wise, farsighted leadership the country has prospered and developed and we must continue to work on the challenge of becoming a fully democratic nation. Democracy does not happen overnight with the press of a button. Democracy means more than "freedom to pursue your own self-interest". It

ticipate in the life of the commun-respect to stand up to difficulties. ity and nation to make it a better place for all to live and work.

It is not an easy task that has been set for the country and its people, but no one ever said that rent, have a poor sense of the life would be easy. Remember that wherever you go in the world for education, work or whatever, you will face problems. Hopefully you will be equipped to deal with them wisely. Hopefully you will these pessimists wrong.

Following is the abridged version is another problem. Many people means the responsibility to par- have the self-confidence and self-

In closing, let me tell you what many people say. They claim that today's youth lack curiosity and patience and that they are indiffefuture, are cruel, materialistic. dependent and passive. I challenge you to go out into the world as caring, intelligent, broadminded young people to prove



Dr. Sue Dahdah welcomes Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Monday to the Abdul Hamid Sharaf Secondary School for the fifth graduation ceremony

A bodyguard's widow takes on the Mafia

By Clare Pedrick

ROME - She became the symbol of the popular rebellion against the Mafia one rainy day in May 1992 when, deathly pale and close to fainting, she took the stand during her husband's function all and boldly challenged members of the international criminal network based in Sicily to "get down on their knees" if they wanted forgiveness. The courageous stand taken by body-

athat day was seen on television screens around the world. For the funeral service of her husband Vito was also that of murdered anti-Mafia crusader Giovanni Faicone, the man who had become almost a folk hero for his fight against organised crime. Thirty-year-old Vito Schifani was one of three bodyguards who died in the massive explosion which killed Judge Falcone and his wife Francesca as their convoy sped from Palermo's airport towards the Sicilian capital.

Today, a year after the tragedy, Rosaria Schifani is continuing the battle she began in Palermo's Church of St. Dominic in front of the caskets of her husband and murdered colleagues. In the months that have elapsed since that fateful May 23 the young woman who, on her own admission, hardly knew what the Mafia was until a year ago. has undertaken a voyage of discovery to 'help her learn more about the men who made her a widow at the age of 22 and who robbed her son Antonino of a father at the age of just four

months.

The fruit of her search is a book whose title echoes the message Rosaria sobbed in church to the mafiosi, some of whom, she claimed, were almost certainly sitting among the congregation that day. "I forgive you, but you must get down on your knees." The book is in part an open lection v letter to the men of the Mafia, whom she reviles for their cowardice, and to their women and children whom she urges to rebel. It is also a reconstruction of the Mafia's reign of terror in Sicily in the past 10 years. And it is the to the k story of Rosaria's encounters with dozens of other widows and orphans in the months that fol-

mating students for the chief of wed her husband's death. Co-written with Italian journalist Felice Cavallaro, Sicily corresbondent for the leading newspaper Corriere della Sera, Rosaria's a collooked. In book was born by chance one day when, during an interview, the en British die Scott Al Host die Scott Al Host die den paal liffs die den paal liffs die den paal young widow saw piled up on Cavallaro's desk a stack of volumes written about the Mafia. Has so much been written about the Mafia?" she asked, incredulously. Rosaria borrowed a book written by Falcone himself and devoured it in one night. The next day, she came back for more and asked Cavallaro to introduce her to some of the other people, who like her, had become victims of the Mafia. "I have to speak to at the return of the people who have suffered as I have in this city," she told Caval-

In the series of visits that followed, the young woman met

other women whose husbands had been judges, businessmen, politicians and policemen before being murdered. Many of the widows, who had seen court cases drag on for years and judges hand out acquittals to men suspected of being killers, were deeply cynical and warned Rosana not to expect justice. "I hoped for so many years. But justice was never done, said Maria Giuliano, whose nusband, police chief Boris Giuliano was killed by the

Mafia in 1979. The more she learned, the more fascinated and horrified Rosaria became, and the more determined to make some contribution to defeating the network that had devastated her own life and that of so many other innocent people. "Before, I never took any interest in the Mafia, in politics, in those things," said Rosaria. "I was wrong. I was only interested in my own life - a very simple life."

Rosaria's decision to launch her own personal battle was

strongly motivated by a desire to young policeman whose dream explain to her small son why he was to become a police helicopter like to explain to you properly what the Mafia is and why they did this. But first I have to under-

stand myself." Rosaria explains to the reader the workings of the Mafia, as she berself unravels it -- the links between the organised crime network and Italy's political class, the international drug trafficking and money-laundering, and above all, the bloodshed.

was left fatherless at such a young pilot. The couple met when Vito age, and to try to pass on a better was on duty, keeping control at a world for him to grow up in. crowded Palermo unemployment Prefacing the book is a copy of a coffice. Rosaria had gone there to hand-written letter from Rosaria halos for a job as a teacher. Vito to her infant son, written shortly for a job as a teacher. Vito after Vito Schifani was killed in the explosion. "Papa is no longer half to meet his family. Soon, here because the Mafia murdered they were engaged, then married. him one May evening, with a k Rosaria recalls the honeymoon in iller bomb rigged to murder a the Maldives, a destination good judge whom he was protect- chosen by her husband because it ing," reads the letter. "I would meant a long nine-hour flight, a ia. "The first 15 minutes of our honeymoon video are all shots of

But she also shares the touching story of her romance

blissful prospect for the airplanemad policeman. "Someone had given us a video-camera as a wedding present," recalls Rosar-

the cockpit and of the other airplanes and helicopters on the landing strip."
Rosaria and Vito went to live

with Vito's parents, in their modest five-room apartment in Palermo. Rosaria had also applied to join the police force. Then Antowith Vito, the good-looking nino came a long and the plan

was put on hold. Realising their family would soon be too big to stay with Vito's parents, the conple looked for a place of their own. They found what they wanted and spent hours poring over pencil and paper, planning how they would furnish it. They never moved into their new home. Vito was killed before they

had a chance, little more than a year after they were married. "I haven't been back there since," said Rosaria. Rosaria describes how she learned of the death of her husband, of the terrible dash first to the hospital, then to the mortuary, where she was allowed to see

Vito's hands but nothing else. Vito Schifani and the other two bodyguards had been travelling in the first car of the convoy, the one which took the full force of the 600-pound explosion. Their Fiat Croma was catapulted several hundred vards into an olive grove on the side of the freeway. ito's hands were the only part of him that remained intact.

In the mortuary that May evening, as Rosaria Schifani begged to be allowed to see the remains of. her husband, she had her first meeting with Paolo Borsellino. Falcone's childhood friend and fellow anti-Mafia fighter. Judge Borsellino was to become an important father figure for Rosaria comforting her at the funeral and during the difficult weeks that followed. But her new protector was soon to disappear from her life. Borsellino was himself killed, together with other five of Vito Schifani's fellow bodyguards, in a car bomb explosion 57 days after the Falcone mas-

With her pale face and slight frame, Rosaria Schifani cuts a sad figure. But in spite of her frail appearance, she has a will of iron and refuses to be cowed. Her challenge to the Mafia at the funeral was proof of that. Several days before his own death, Judge Borsellino revealed that Rosaria's hard-hitting words had struck home in some quarters. "Her words have convinced a great many mafiosi to speak, to cooperate with us," Borsellino told his parish priest, Don Cesare Ratoballi, who is also Rosaria's cousin.

Part of Rosaria's strength is her disarming simplicity. She speaks in plain no-nonsense terms to the people whose actions have made her life a misery, mocking the men who like to be known as "men of honour" by calling them "men without honour." call yourselves men of honour, but you don't even know the meaning of the word," she writes in an open letter. "You are nothing but murderers. In Gela (a Mafia-ridden Sicilian town), violence has taken hold of the lives of kids of 15. First they are given a pistol and then they are buried, their bodies thrown among the garbage. Is this the myth you are offering an entire generation?"

She appeals to the womenfolk of the Mafia: "You, wives, mothers, sisters, daughters of mafiosi, wake up from the torpor that has let you accept all this as inevitable. You have the destiny

of your men in your hands. Save away a tear or two and several ia happened last year, when them, save yourselves, save us." But most of all, the bodyguard's widow appeals to the children of mafiosi, urging them to turn their backs on their parents if they will not listen to reason.

Rosaria Schifani had worked as teacher in one of the roughest neighbourhoods of Palermo, where many of the children came from deprived or criminal backgrounds. She chose to launch her book at Palermo's infamous Malaspina juvenile prison, widely acknowledged as a breeding ground for tomorrow's criminals. Flanked by magistrates investigating the deaths of Falcone and Borsellino, Rosaria faced the row of hardened young criminals and told them: "You must change your way of life, hold on to more concrete values, and we on the outside are ready to help you. What kind of kick can a hold-up or a mugging give you? Don't you understand that you have the right to a more dignified existence?" As some of of the youngsters jeered at her words, Rosaria quipped: "I see some of you laughing. But I don't think you've ever laughed in your entire life." At the end of the session, when Rosaria spoke of her murdered husband Vito, some of the young

broke out in applause. Not everyone has welcomed

outbursts are ill-advised and name. urged her to keep quiet. "But I The Mafia's biggest mistake, don't accept that," said Rosaria. says Rosaria, was in killing Falthings to me. I loved my husband on the mainland and many Siciand I won't forget. There are lians, including some sectors of people who are afraid, who don't the criminal world. The massacre want to expose themselves, who beg me not to speak, without realising that in doing so they are virtually asking me to forget." Cheered by the spate of recent

arrests, and by the growing number of mafiosi who have turned state's evidence and cooperated with police, Rosaria claims the Cosa Nostra ("Our Thing" as the network is known to its members) says, because the ordinary people no, who spoke in positive terms, are no longer willing to tolerate its tyranny. Said Rosaria: "I understood that the day that even see, Rosaria. One day this will be the children of Corleone came a beautiful land, he said to me out into the street with their not long before he was killed," schoolteachers to protest, shout- she recalls. "We must work to be ashamed of their home town." The protest referred to by Rosar- Link.

several hundred children from the Sicilian hill town of Corleone. the stand taken by the young the birthplace of Mafia chiefs widow. In a climate where omer-such as Salvatore "Toto" Riina ta - the code of silence which and Bernardo Provenzano, took has always protected the Mafia - the unprecedented step of staging has become a way of life, some a public rebellion against the men people have told Rosaria her who had besmirched their town's

They are wrong to say such cone. The crime stunned Italians sowed the first seeds of rebellion that was to lead to a new mood of cooperation. "By shutting five mouths, they opened 50 million others," said Rosaria.

In spite of the power the Cosa Nostra undoubtedly still wields, and the bloodshed it is still capable of causing, this young Sicilian woman remains convinced it can be beaten. She recalls the is on a losing streak, mainly, she optimism of Judge Paolo Borsellieven though he was well aware of the danger to himself. "You'll ing that they no longer wanted to make sure Borsellino's dream comes true" - World News

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The ABS school is pleased to announce that it will be offering its eighth annual summer school from Saturday 26 June until Thursday 22 July . The programme will include a variety of academic, creative and sporting activities for children aged 4 to 17. In addition there will be special programmes in Math, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and computing for IGCSE and IB. For more information about a stimulating and enjoyable summer programme for your child please contact the School.

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Like this man, Vito Schifani, was a bodyguard and it cost him his life a year ago (WNL)

Cypriot leaders to study confidence-building steps

UNITED NATIONS (R) -Secretary-General Boutros Ghali proposed Monday that leaders of the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities begin talks here this week by discussing placing part of the uninhabited resort town of Varosha under U.N. administration and reopening Nicosia Airport, also under U.N. control. Both have ceased to function

since Turkish troops landed in the north of the island in 1974, after a coup in Nicosia backed by the military junta then ruling Greece. Dr. Ghali was addressing a

closed-door session attended by Cypriot President Glafcos Clerides and Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash, and by representatives of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — the United States, Russia, Britain, China and. France.

The secretary-general was accompanied by his new special representative for Cyprus, former Canadian Prime Minister Joe

The meeting, which lasted about 40 minutes, marked the start of a new round of long-running negotiations aimed at reuniting the divided island in a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation.

The talks have so far concentrated on a so-called "set of ideas" and map which Dr. Ghali presented to both sides last summer. The most recent negotiating round ended inconclusively last November.

According to a copy of the secretary-general's opening remarks, obtained by Reuters, he proposed that, before returning to the "set of ideas" and map, they focus first on measures designed to foster confidence between the two communities.

He suggested they begin by discussing two "especially significant and related issues:

A. Placing an important are of Varosha — the former Greek Cypriot resort adjoining Fama-gusta — under U.N. administration "and it's becoming a special area for bi-communal contact and commerce open equally to both sides," and

B. The reopening, also under U.N. administration, of Nicosia Airport "for passenger and cargo traffic from and to both sides.

The secretary-general said these two confidence-building measures "carry concrete benefits to each side and to Cyprus as a whole."

Placing part of Varosha under U.N. administration would benefit Greek Cypriots and others who would be able to reclaim possession of their properties, he

At the same time the Turkish Cypriot side would derive important benefits from "guaranteed opportunities to engage freely in siness in the area and from the fact that foreign tourists will be able to pass through the area to the northern part of the island and to stay there."

The Turkish Cypriots proclaimed their own state in the north of the island in 1983 with Mr. Denktash as president but it is recognised only by Turkey and is the object of a boycott by the

Greek Cypriots.

Dr. Ghali continued: "With the reopening, under United Nations administration, of Nicosia International Airport, located in the United Nations protected area and defunct since 1974, passengers and cargo could access freely through the airport to and from each side."

The transforming impact of this measure on the economic situation of the Turkish Cypriot community is clear," he added. The deputy U.N. representa-

tive for Cyprus, Gustave Feissel, who recently took up residence in Nicosia, has discussed both issues with the two leaders during the past month.

"It will be a principal objective of ours this week to finalise agreement on these important measures," the secretary-general

Dr. Ghali leaves New York next weekend on a lengthy trip to North Africa and Europe and the Cyprus talks are expected to continue only until the end of this

On Tuesday, Mr. Clerides and Mr. Denktash were due to hold a joint meeting with senior U.N. officials including Mr. Clark, Mr. Feissel and Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs Marrack Goulding, in preparation for a meeting with Dr. Ghali later in



sanctions imposed on Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies)

— The U.N. Security Council Monday decided to keep economic sanctions clamped on Iraq because Baghdad is seen as still not cooperating fully with the terms of the Gulf war ceasefire.

The sanctions bar all trade with Iraq, but allow it to import food, medicine and other humanitarian goods. But with no legal foreign trade, Baghdad has little or no hard currency to buy food and medicine abroad.

At one of its periodic 60-day reviews of the comprehensive sanctions on Iraq, the council members saw no reason to relax the sanctions regime. The decision came hours after

reports circulated that the Iraqi government was massing troops and tanks in northern Iraq, raising fears of a renewed attack on Kurds in the region.

Iraq still refuses to recognise the border demarcated by U.N. surveyors between it and Knwait and last week boycotted the final meetings of the U.N. boundary commission that redrew the bor-

U.S. officials are also investigating whether the government sent Iraqi agents into Kuwait to assassinate former President emirate in late April to receive thanks for helping liberate Kuwait from Iraqi occupation.

The sanctions were imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990. Iraqi troops occupied the emirate for seven months until they were driven out by the U.S.-led allied coalition in the Gulf war.

Iraq has refused to sell \$1.6

supervision to generate funds for Iraqi relief programmes, war reparations and to pay for U.N. programmes to dismantle Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. Iraq says the restrictions on the oil sale violate its sovereignty.

The Security Council, meeting behind closed doors, formally decided Iraq had not fulfilled re-quirements of all the Gulf war resolutions, which centre on demolishing Bahgdad's weapons of mass destruction.

"We have decided there is no

justification for amending them in any way," Britain's ambassa-dor, Sir David Hannay, said. In answer to questions, he said that some of the delegations who spoke at the meeting mentioned "the continuing repression of both Kurds and Shiite minorities

But he indicated there was no discussion of unconfirmed reports that Iraq is preparing to attack Kurdish enclaves in the north. Later, State Department

spokesman Richard Boucher said that the U.N. ambassadors of the United States, Britain, France and Russia warned Iraq March 26 that "any provocative actions would receive a firm and united response, and that warning re-

Mr. Boucher said Iraq had had considerable forces in the north for some time. He declined to discuss the situation further.

But a senior State Department official said there had been no dramatic new developments since March 26 and described a New York Times report as "hyped, although we continue to have. concerns."

the region and Kurdish military commanders, the New York Times said Iraqi forces have moved long-range artillery, tanks and trucks to the front in the last few days, concentrating their buildup in areas south of Erbil and Sulaimaniyeh. The Times said an Iraqi assault against those Kurdish areas could come as early as the first week in June.

Earlier, prior to a meeting with Foreign Minister Yousef Ben Alawi of Oman, Secretary of State Warren Christopher told a questioner there had been "some preliminary reports with respect

to Iraqi troop movements.
"What I would say to Saddam Hussein is that we intend to enforce the United Nations resolutions with great resoluteness. He knows what he has to do." Mr. Christopher said, "and we'll be watching very carefully for any changes in that situation that might call for further action by the United States."

The United Nations meanwhile warned that aid for the Kurds in northern Iraq as well as for needy people suffering the effects of the trade embargo in the rest of the country, will be brought to an end within weeks unless Western countries provide more money

In a letter sent to the president of the Security Council early last week, U.N. Secretrary General Boutros Ghali warned that unless the United Nations received more money and food from donor countries he would be forced to suspend the whole relief programme in Iraq as well as in the Kurdish-controlled northern areas by "the end of May 1993 or

Conservative with close links to

MEA urges Washington to end ban

BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon stands to lose up to \$100 million this summer because of a U.S. ban on air ticket sales to Beirut, the chairman of Lebanon's national carrier

Abdul Hamid Fakhoury, president of Middle East Airlines (MEA), said an estimated 30,000 Lebanese Americans were expected to fly to Lebanon in the summer

"Unfortunately, the American administration banned us from providing reservations through Europe for pas-sengers in the United States destined for Beirut," Mr. Fakhoury said at a news conference at MEA headquarters at Beirut airport.

"This is going to strip the MEA from \$15 million and Lebanon from up to \$100 million because the 30,000 Lebanese Americans are not going to be able to make it back to the motherland," Mr. Fakhoury added.

He was referring to a recent U.S. crackdown on MEA ticket sales in the United Strates to Beirut in violation of a U.S. travel ban to

Mr. Fakhoury said MEA was willing to pay the fine of \$1,000 for each day its office in New York has issued tickets for Beirut, a sum of around \$3 million.

"We have complied with ban and have stopped MEA flights to the United States. But we never thought the ban also includes those Lebanese wishing to travel back to their motherland," Mr. Fakhoury

The American ban on Lebanon dates back to the 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner to Beirut, where more than 30 American passengers were held hotage for 17 days and a U.S. navy diver was killed.

Mr. Fakhoury said, nevertheless, MEA continued to issue bookings for Beirutdestined passengers via Europe by printing the number of the Beirut-London Flight 202 on the ticket plus Damascus.

"We have always thought the American administration, eration, did not mind this procedure and thus kept silent about it for seven years," Mr. Fakhoury said.

He appealed to the United States to reconsider the ban and allow Lebanese Americans to travel to Lebanon before for the summer season beginning in June.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

S. Arabia criticises Western media

DUBAI (R) — Saudi Arabia's interior minister, Prince Nayef Ben Abdul Aziz, has sharply attacked Western media for focusing on human rights in the kingdom. Prince Nayef, quoted by the Qatari News Agency Monday, said Western media had maticious aims against the Arab World and against Saudi Arabia in particular, where he said simple events were exaggerated. He said Saudi Arabia practised Islamic law and respected human rights more than European and Western countries which he said were attacking Saudi Arabia's record. "We are an Islamic state fully implementing Islamic Sharia law in all matters. This does not suit some of the Western media, who inflate any simple or normal event in Saudi Arabia," he said. "Where are the Palestinians' human rights, and where are the principles of human rights which are violated daily in Bosnia-Herzegovina" he asked. "Why do the Western agencies not deal with these cases." The Qatari News Agency report said Prince Nayef was speaking at a news conference Sunday evening in Mina, a few kilometres from the Holy City of Mecca. His comments as reported by the agency made no reference to Saudi Arabia's crackdown on a group of ultra-conservative religious figures who set up the kingdom's first human rights group earlier this month.

Fundamentalists jailed in Tunisia

TUNIS (R) — A Tunisia court handed down prison sentence of seven more years Tuesday on 46 Islamic fundamentalists accused of forming a guerrilla group, lawyers said Tuesday. The defendants were arrested in 1991. They denied during their week-long trial belonging to the Commentation of belonging to the Commandos of Sacrifice, an offshoot of the banned Islamist movement Al Nahda. Three were sentenced to seven years and 43 to seven years and two months. Sixteen others tried in their absence were given sentences of 11 years, the lawyers said. Nearly 300 Muslim fundamentalist leaders and activists were tried last year for plotting against the state and sentenced to jail terms ranging from a few years to life.

Ex-Italian diplomat going to Sudan as U.N. envoy

UNITED NATIONS (R) — An Italian diplomat was appointed Monday as special U.N. envoy to Sudan where a million people risk starvation resulting from a 10-year-old civil war. Vieri Trakler, a former U.N. ambassador from Italy, intends to visit the country and neighbouring nations shortly to focus international attention on Sudan's humanitarian crisis. A U.N. statement said Mr. Traxler, who would also go to Kenya. Ethiopia and Uganda, would consult with Nigerian authorities, host country for the recent abortive peace talks between the Sudanese government and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Movement.

Iranian police nab highway robbers

TEHRAN (R) — Police have arrested four thieves who stopped a businessman on an airport highway after he returned from Germany and robbed him of about \$120,000 cash, a newspaper said. The robbers, posing as security agents, stopped the Iranian businessman's taxi on the highway, told him he was under investigation and took him to their car, making off with his case containing 162,000 German marks (\$100,000) and \$20,000 in cash, it said. Police tracked down the robbers by watching street corner oreign exchange dealers. A fraction of the cash plus large amounts of rials were recovered from the robbers who said they bought two cars with the rest of the moeny, Kayhan said. Thieves face long jail

World Bank readies Yemen education project

SANAA (R) — The World Bank is preparing a project to improve the quality of secondary education in Yemen, a senior bank official said Monday. Senior specialist Yogendra Saran said the six-year project, costing between \$30 million and \$60 million, would also improve female access to secondary education and establish a community college system oriented to the labour market. Mr. Saran, who is leading a team in Sanaa, said the World Bank was expected to decide in October on final approval for the project and how much financial support to offer. He said the World Bank has since 1972 loaned former South Yemen and North Yemen over \$175 million to cover 14 educational and health projects.

Bomb explodes at Iran newspaper office

TEHRAN (R) — A bomb exploded at the office of Ettelaat, Iran's second biggest newspaper publishing group, a newspaper reported. Salam newspaper said the blast hit the ground floor of the Ettelaat office in central Tehran last week. It did not say if it caused any casualties or damage. Ettelaat editors declined to comment on the report. Windows of the Ettelaat office were smashed during a protest last month by a group of "Basijis," paramilitary volunteers in the Revolutionary Guards Corps, who took offence at an issue of Ettelaat's weekly magazine. Salam said the explosion which occurred after midnight was probably linked to the same row which started when the weekly printed the picture of a Revolutionary Guard commander killed during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war next to a story headlined: "I have become mentally disturbed." The weekly denied the layout was intentional and apologised for the slip. Ettelaat is the sixth Iranian publication whose office has come under attack by bombs or demonstrators for various reasons in the past two years.

Saudis collect \$95 million to help Bosnians

DUBAI (R) - Saudi Arabia has collected over \$95 million in private and official donations to help Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the official Saudi Press News Agency said Monday, The agency, quoting an announcement by a Saudi government charitable organisation; said the organisation collected 241.8 million rivals (\$64.5 million) from private donations and 114.6 million (\$30.5 million) from government and official sources. It said most of the aid, coordinated by the higher committee for the collection of donations, was given directly to the Muslim government of Bosnia-Herzegovina. It said the committee was also supervising the feeding of hundreds of refugees at Muslim camps in the Croatian cities of Zagreb and Split. It was also organising health care and education for the refugees, the agency said. The committee is run by Prince Salman Ben Abdul Aziz, governor of Rivadh and brother of King Fahd.

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'U.S. tried to topple Qadhafi with Iraqi aid' ASHINGTON

United States sent Libyan rebels to train in Iraq in the 1980s so they could overthrow Muammar Qadhafi, former government officials said Monday.

The operation was part of a developing intelligence relationship between Iraq and the United States that was to include over time the passing of U.S. satellite information to help Baghdad in its eight-year war with Iran, the official said.

The full extent of the cooperation has not been revealed. But the Bush administration, defending itself against a storm of congressional criticism following the 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, left the impression it was limited to U.S. help for Iraq against Iran.

The decision to send several hundred Libyans for training in Iraq served several purposes, said former Reagan White House aide Howard Teicher in an interview.

Iraq wanted to get even with Colonel Qadhafi for supporting Iran in the war, he said, and Egypt wanted to encourage U.S. support for Iraq to block Iran from winning and spreading Muslim fundamentalism through the region.

Also, said Mr. Teicher, the United States wanted to topple Col. Qadhafi, accusing him of terrorism and attempts to destabilise his neighbours.

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The Libyan exiles attempted a coup against Col. Qadhafi in May 1984, but it was immediately crushed, Mr. Teicher recounted

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Desert Storm," a chronicle of U.S. policy in the Mideast from President Richard Nixon to President George Bush.

asked not to be named, said the plot involved a raid by seaborne commandos who fired rockets and machine guns towards a military barracks used by Col.

and the estimated 15 rebels were killed in the raid or captured and later executed. The exiles were mostly students and dissidents living in Britain, Italy and other European countries, said Mr.

in the mid-1980s, to mount crossafter Chad evicted them.

Iraq's willingness to train Libyan exiles encouraged those in the administration who wanted improved ties with Baghdad, said Mr. Teicher, an opponent of the developing relationship.

thened those in the administration who argued that Iraq had stopped its support of "terrorism" and was proving it by its willingness to fight Libyan "terrorism," he said.

Another former official, who

The operation was crushed,

The United States also trained other Libyans, captured in Chad when Libya invaded that country border sabotage raids but failed to inflict much damage in Libya. The Bush administration brought some 300 of these Libyan prisoners to the United States in 1991

The cooperation also streng-

billion in oil under strict U.N. Quoting Wesetern diplomats in British politician alleges bid to cover Iraq scandal

LONDON (R) - British intelligence knew Iraq was developing a supergun years before parts were stopped on their way to Baghdad, a former politician and key informant in the British arms-

for-Iraq scandal said Monday. Sir Hal Miller also alleged at a judicial inquiry into the affair that a top government official tried to cover up the scandal - a charge

that was promptly denied.

Mr. Miller said he told intelligence officers in 1988 that Iraq was having "missile tubes" manufactured by a British engineering firm. His intelligence source had replied that his information "confirmed everything they knew," he added.

Yet apparently nothing was done to stop the huge gun being prepared by British engineering firms until barrel sections were. intercepted on their way to Iraq in April 1990 — four months

before Iraq invaded Kuwait. Mr. Miller also accused former Attorney General Sir Patrick Mayhew of trying to prevent evidence about the case from coming to court. He said Mr. Mayhew, now Northern Ireland secretary, urged him not to produce documents that could have cleared businessmen accused of

illegally exporting weapons to Iraq.
"Ministers were prepared to see businessmen wrongly convicted rather than tell how much they knew about our arms trade with Iraq," Mr. Miller said.
Mr. Mayhew denied Mr. Mil-

ler's allegations. "I have never urged Sir Hal Miller or anyone else to withhold evidence which would advantage a defendant," he said in a statement. He offered to testify to the equiry. quiry that guidelines written in Mr. Miller, a long-time leading 1948 and published in 1985 were

defence equipment firms, has been a key figure in inquiries into the supergun scandal. But this is the first time he has publicly said he told intelligence about the gun Prime Minister John Major ordered the current inquiry by

Lord Justice Scott after a fresh. case of arms exports to Iraq exploded last November when three British businessmen from the Iraqi-owned engineering firm Matrix Churchill were acquitted of illegally selling arms-making machine tools to Iraq.

Their trial collapsed when the

court accepted the government may have relaxed its own arms

export rules and encouraged arms and arms-released sales to Iraq. The government acknowledged to the 1991-92 parliamentary in-

amended with the end of the Iran-Iraq war in 1988. They were eased to cover only "lethal" equipment of direct and significant aid to either country, thus exempting machine tools. But the Miller evidence adds to

a belief by many politicians that intelligence services knew more than they have let on about the supergun and arms sales in gener-

"If Sir Hal Miller's comments are right then this was certainly not a cockup, it would be a conspiracy," said opposition Labour Party politician Jim Cousins, who took part in the inquiry. Mr. Cousins later called

for Mayhew to resign.
Foreign Office Minister of State Baroness Chalker said in response to a question in parliament Monday that no lethal defence equipment had been supplied to Iran since 1979.

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Iran seeks foreign funds for second trade zone

DUBAI (R) — Iran is seeking foreign investment in a second free trade zone which it says could form a base for firms targetting Iranian and regional

Kerman Development Organisation Managing Director Mohammad Yazdanpanah, quoted by the UAE newspaper L'ialeej Times Tuesday, said Sir-

AMMAN (R) — Oman plans to

begin natural gas and petroche-

mical projects worth \$10 billion

next year, the Omani minister of

commerce and industry has said.

"We hope after having com-pleted the detailed feasibility stu-

dies on the LNG (Liquified Natu-

rai Gas) project and petrochemic-

als project to start next year," the

minister, Maqbool Ali Sultan,

ald Reuters in a recent inter-

Mr. Sultan said gas discoveries

in the past two years raising estimated reserves to 17 trillion

cubic feet from nine trillion had

provided the impetus for plans to

He said the planned \$9 billion

gas liquification complex was a

joint venture between the Royal/

Dutch Shell Group, French and

Japanese companies and Oman.

which holds a 51 per cent share.

proceed with the projects.

· jan Trade Zone in Kerman province would help firms win business in Turkey, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and the Central Asian

The newspaper said Mr. Yazdanpanah was speaking while on a visit to Dubai to try to attract investment.

opening up of Iran to foreign rail links. Bandar Abbas, Iran's

expected capacity. The plant would take three to four years to

complete. He said the site ws still

A \$700 million petrochemical

project to be built in eastern

Oman would have an estimated annual capacity of 300,000 tons of

Mr. Sultan said oil production.

in two years, he said.

investment and that the Iranian government planned to turn the zone into a 1,500-hectare (3,700acre) industrial and commercial hub offering 20-year tax exemptions and renewable 35-year long leases to foreigners.

rivestment. "Sirjan is a great location be-the said Sirjan represented the cause it has ... excellent road and

Oman set to begin huge gas project in '94

region." Mr. Sultan said.

this direction," he said.

"It's why Oman is heading in

He said oil exports rose 10.8 per cent in 1992 to 1.745 billion

riyals (\$4.5 billion) from 1.575 billion riyals (\$4.1 billion) in

1991. Non-oil exports rose by 22

per cent to 96.7 million riyals

most active port, is only 300 kilometres away," Mr. Yazdanpanah was quoted as saying. He said 280 hectares (690

acres) had been set aside for light industrial units, 460 hectares (1,136 acres) for warehousing, and 100 hectares (247 acres) for trade and commercial activities. He said an international airport was also being built.

ports when the projects come on

He said work had already be-

gun on a 78 million expansion of Oman's main commercial

Qaboos port in Muscat to be

completed next year. Expansion

of Raysut port in the south was in

the works and a study for a major

port in the north was also being

Oman was also poised to boost

stream in the late 1990s.

undertaken, he said.

Mr. Yazdanpanah is also managing director of Iran's Qeshm Island Free Zone, a few miles offshore from Bandar Abbas.

He said investment in Qeshm Island, which Iran's IRNA news tourism and light industries.

Iran, Mr. Sultan said.

to Yemen and Iran with whom we

have very good relations," he

He said reexports, primarily to

the United Arab Emirates and

Iran, rose to 253 million riyals in

1992 from \$165 million riyals in

agency said in January had reached \$10 billion, had been restricted mainly to developing

Algeria. relies on its oil and gas planned to handle increased ex- in the region, particularly for sector to earn more than 90 per neighbouring Yemen and for cent of its foreign exchange. "Our future thinking is to capture a chunk of the growing re-gional reexport trade especially

"In the hydrocarbon sector, growth was only 0.56 per cent, a

Industry at half capacity

Algerian output falls

dustry, squeezed of foreign ex- from oil and gas exports. Over 70 change to buy raw materials or per cent of the income went in spares for ageing machinery, repaying and servicing foreign operated at only 53.8 per cent of debt estimates at \$25 billion.

capacity on average last year. The drop, from 57 per cent capacity use in 1991, resulted in a fall of 1.6 per cent in total industrial production, according to figures released by the National Statistics Office (ONS).

The official news agency APS, eporting the figures, said:

clear retreat compared with the two previous years (plus 2.05 per cent in 1991 and 4.93 per cent in 1990), because, according to the ONS, of falls in production in refining and liquefying gas."
The North African country last

repaying and servicing foreign Algeria plans to spend over \$1

billion on modernising gas in-stallations and is also building two new pipelines - one through Tunisia to Italy, one through Morocco to Spain — to boost its

Its best operating sector in 1992 was food and farming, at 73 per cent capacity, followed by building and construction at 66 per cent, APS said.

At the bottom end, chemicals and plastics ran at just 37.5 per cent capacity, leather and shoes at 36.5 and wood and paper at 22.6 per cent.

The government, trying to move from nearly three decades of centralised socialist management to a free market liberal retrained or mo economy, has said that it will do firms, he added.

companies may be allowed to go to the wall.

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Unemployment, officially 1.2 million or some 21 per cent of the workforce, is seen as one of the destabilising factors in the country which has been hit by Muslim fundamentalist unrest and has been under a state of emergency since February 1992.

On Monday, government spokesman Messaoud Ait Chaal-al told local journalists the authorities planned "important and decisive measures" for local authority firms, probably from the end of June.

"We will do all we can to save these companies," he said, in remarks quoted by APS. "If circumstances demand it, we will have to close certain of them," although their workers would be retrained or moved to other

on the gas liquification plant's gas... hold the future for the Vietnam suffers from poor productivity and a

wage 'headache' HANOI (AP) - Vietnam has a overseas investment can clash definite allure for foreign firms seeking cheap labour, but investment promoters are worried that pressure for higher wages and poor worker productivity will

wipe out that advantage.

The wages paid at factories making garments, shoes, and leather goods are making the country less competitive, says Vu Huy Hoang, a deputy director at Vietnam's State Committee for

Cooperation and Investment. Mr. Hoang said recently he fears Vietnam may lose jobs in these labour-intensive industries to countries like Indonesia and the Philippines.

"If we increase our wages and chance to attract investment," said Mr. Hoang, whose agency promotes and regulates foreign capital in Vietnam.

partly owned by foreigners — to part unskilled workers at least \$35 a month in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. Outside these cities,

the minimum wage is \$30.

Raymond Eaton, who chairs the Thailand-based Export Development Trading Corp. which buys Vietnamese garments, foot-wear, and handicrafts for overseas firms, said higher wages in these industries "will cripple" them before they get off the ground."

Inadequate training and out-dated equipment further hobble Vietnam in its effort to develop export industries and compete internationally.

The Vietnam Investment Review said in an April issue that only 65,000 of Vietnam's 200,000 garment workers are good enough to produce goods for export. It said Vietnamese clothing factories also lack enough technicians and engineers.

As a result, the newspaper reported, factories in Singapore and Thailand can manufacture twice as many garments as those in Vietnam. If worker output improved, Mr. Eaton said Vietnam could quadruple the value of its garment-export industry to \$1

Vietnam's goal of attracting

in yielding to pressure for higher "It really isn't Indonesia they have to worry about," Mr. Eaton

While Indonesia has a higher

The tension in Vietnam over wages and poor productivity are intertwined with the country's economic transformation since the late 1980s. As it embraces free enterprise and competes for Western investment. Vietnam has largely discarded the Marxist precept that workers should earn similar wages regardless of their abilities. Now, Vietnam's leaders have decided that worker incen-

achieve growth and prosperity.

pany owners shut down inefficient operations. Employees accustomed to job security and fixed wages must adapt to a new economic reality.

encouraged foreign investors. In 1988, the year after Vietnam decreed its first laws on foreign investment, the government licensed 37 foreign-owned projects, worth \$ 363 million. In 1992, it licensed 198 enterprises, worth \$1.94 billion.

was inadequate. Mr. Eaton has warned Viet-

with its efforts to protect workers

in joint ventures. Mr. Hoang said

the result is a headache both for his agency and labour officials. The official Vietnam News

newspaper reported in April that

namese officials about the danger

said. "It's China."

Turkey opens \$75 m credit to Romania

BUCHAREST (R) - Turkey has opened a credit line worth \$75 million to boost exports of raw materials, foodstuffs and equipment to Romania, the trade ministry has said. Turkey's Eximbank has guaranteed \$75 million in export credits under a leal signed with the Romanian Bank for Foreign Trade, the independent news agency A. R. Press quoted trade ministry officials as saying. Details were unavailable. Trade between the two states has grown steadily since the collapse of communist rule in Romania's December 1989 revolution. In 1992, Turkey took in \$256 million worth of imports from Romania, while its exports to Romania were worth \$173 million.

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polypropylene and polyethylene and is scheduled for completion from 79.1 million rivals in the same period. Mr. Sultan said major port expansion projects to double exwhich generates about 78 per cent isting capacity were under way or its position as major transit centre 1991. of government revenue, is expected to average around 750,000

barrels a day in 1993. Oman's large upstream and downstream projects are in line with other oil-rich Gulf states' moves towards more diversified economies less dependent on

"The area has large quantities of gas, and industries like pet-Mr. Sultan did not give figures rochemicals which depend on

Asia becomes Australia's major source of migrant professionals

to a study of immigration patterns released this week. Even Australia's traditional sources of migrants, Britain and Ireland, have been eclipsed in the latest Bureau of Immigration Research study which shows that three times more professionals and managers came from Asia than Europe in 1991-92.

SYDNEY (AFP) - Asian coun- former Soviet Union, six per cent tries led by Hong Kong have from Oceania which includes overtaken Europe as Australia's another traditional source, New Zealand, and three per cent from main source of professional and managerial migrants, according North America.

> The study shows immigration patterns to be well in step with the Australian government's desire for closer economic integration with Asia. During the financial year en-

ded June 30, 1992, Hong Kong supplied 5,006 migrants in the top occupational categories, followed The breakdown was 61 per cent by 1,688 from India, 1,207 from Asia, 23 per cent from Taiwanese, 1,191 mainland Europe, including Britain and the Chinese, 976 Malagsians, 686

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Filipinos and 527 Vietnamese. Excluding those not in the workforce, such as wives and children, 46 per cent of the settlers who arrived here from Asian countries during the year were

administrators. In terms of individual countries, Hong Kong pushed Britain into second place, Britain contributing 2,270 professionals, while 944 came from New Zealand, 711 from the former Soviet Union and 495 from the United States.

tradespeople and clerks, provid-ing 27 per cent of the total intake

The results of the study were also a reflection on Europe's changing political geography. professionals, managers and with total arrivals from the old Soviet Union reaching more than 2,000 last financial year from only 150 eight years ago.

During the same period, the total number of settlers arriving from Northeast Asia - including China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea and Taiwan — jumped from 4,668 in 1983-84 to 21,473 last However, the study showed that Britain remained the top source for para-professionals, year.

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MARKET PLACE

Trinidad announces steps to cushion impact of floating currency

PORT-OF-SPAIN (AFP) — To custion the impact of rising prices caused by floating Trinidad's currency, Prime Minister Patrick Manning announced that the poorest Trinidadians would be exempted from income tax. In an nationwide address, Prime Minister Patrick Manning announced that individuals with an annual taxable income of \$2,800 annually or less would not have to pay income tax. The measure will benefit 22,000 taxpayers. Mr. Manning also announced that the school feeding programme would be expanded starting in September to feed 30,000 children and that retirees would receive a 15 per cent increase in the food allowance component of their pensions. Mr. Manning said he was confident that in the medium- and long-term Trinidad's economy would be helped by floating the currency and removing foreign exchange controls. Since the Trinidad and Tobago dollar floated in April, it has remained virtually stable at 5.60 to one U.S.

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salaries. I think we lose our minimum monthly wage than Vietnam — about \$50 — it has more experience in producing goods that meet Western standards. Chinese wages are comparable to Vietnam currently requires Vietnam's, Mr. Eaton said, and

tives offer a more effective way to

"I think it is a very positive tendency," Mr. Hoang said. "It must be done. It means government is encouraging hard work-

Mr. Hoang said many workers now face unemployment, as com-

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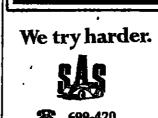
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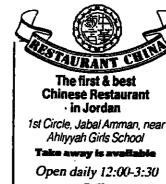
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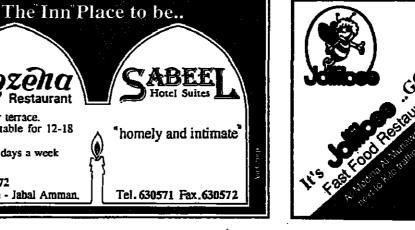
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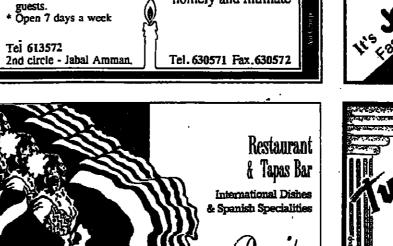


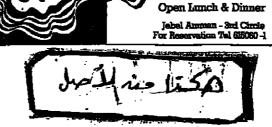
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Miss Universe

president

meets Mexican

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Dayanara Torres of Penrio Rico, the newly-crowned Miss Universe

1993, has insisted that she won

her crown fairly despite news reports that she was too young to

enter and the contest was fixed.

Rumours about the student and

part-time model surfaced almost

as soon as she was crowned Mig Universe Friday during a glitter.

ing ceremony at the National

Auditorium. In a news confer-

ence Monday. Miss Torres de-

nied accusations that she had

altered her birth certificate to

make it appear she was 18 years

old, according to the Mexico City newspaper Novedades. Eighteen

is the minimum age to enter the

contest. Miss Torres beat out 78

other contestants from around

the globe for the title. Over the

weekend, the Colombian press

reports implied that the contest

was fixed and claimed that first

runner-up Paula Betancourt of

Colombia should have won. The

Colombia daily El Tiempo Sun-

day quoted Mexican painter Jose

Luis Cuevas as saying that eight of the nine contest judges had

voted for Miss Betancourt. "By

simple math, Paula Andrea

should be the winner," the news-

paper quoted him as saying.

Neither Mr. Cuevas or anyone from the Miss Universe Interna-

tional office in Los Angeles was

available to comment Monday.

The debate over the crown even

affected Miss Torres' visit to

GARGNANO, Italy (AP) +

Four metal boxes recovered from

the bottom of Lake Garda con-

tained only disappointment for historians who had hoped they

held Benito Mussolini's wartime

correspondence. Mussolini's

granddaughter was on hand Mon-

day when the boxes were opened.

only to reveal gunpowder be-lieved tossed into the lake by

German troops as they retreated

north. The boxes were recovered

by divers Sunday, just north of

Salo, the lakeside city where Ita-

ly's World War II fascist leader

had set up a puppet government.

The search was launched after a

carpenter told a local newspaper

that he was ordered by fascist

soldiers in the waning days of the

war to build four waterproof

boxes for documents. Alessandra Musolini, a representative of the

neo-fascist Italian Social Môve-

ment Party in parliament, had

hoped the boxes would polish

from Rome for the opening.

Seeing they contained nothing

Grandma's letter

arrives — 16 years

Mexico's president.

contain

'Mussolini' boxes

disappointment

Bosnian Serbs batter Muslims as NATO debates strategy

BELGRADE (R) — Bosnian straight day and said Serb artil-Serb rebels unleashed an artillery lery attacked the nearby Brcko barrage Tuesday against a Muslim city packed with civilians, as European states in NATO offered warplanes to help protect 'safe areas.

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic meanwhile assured Russian envoy Vitaly Churkin that Belgrade has curtailed military supplies to the rebels to pressure them to accept an international peace plan.

U.N. officials said Serb forces launched a shelling offensive against Maglaj in north Bosnia, threatening tens of thousands of

trapped civilians. The attack coincided with a meeting in Brussels of NATO defence ministers on a new Western policy to contain the conflict

in Bosnia. They met to discuss how to protect Muslim enclaves designated as "safe areas" with troops and air power and heard offers of warplanes from some European member states.

Muslim-controlled Bosnian radio said the shelling of Maglag continued Tuesday for the tenth

PHNOM PENH (R) — Millions

of Cambodians, including radical

Khmer Rouge activists, have turned out to vote in U.N.-

supervised elections, giving their

backing to the country's first-

Seventy per cent of registered

voters had cast ballots by the time

polls closed Monday night, the

second day of a six-day national

poll to restore democracy after

decades of war and civil strife.

Cambodians just went out and

showed they wanted to vote,"

said a Western diplomat in

The Maoist Khmer Rouge, which refused to run in the elec-

tions saying they favoured its arch-enemies in the Phnom Penh.

government, began sending un-

armed soldiers and officials out of

the zones under its control to vote

Voters are electing members of

The U.N. organisers of the

a Constituent Assembly that will

draft a constitution and then form

election said 3,318,314 Cambo-

dians had voted and others con-

tinued to stream to the polling

The 22,000-strong U.N. Tran-

sitional Authority in Cambodia

(UNTAC) has spent 14 months registering 4,764,430 people to

vote. The total bill for U.N.

operations in Cambodia is ex-

A senior UNTAC official said

the Khmer Rouge, which had threatened to disrupt the elec-

tions, were trucking voters to the district of Thmar Pouk near the

Thai border in Banteay Mean-

chey province.
"They want to make sure war-

pected to come to \$4 billion.

Phnom Penh.

Tuesday.

a government.

stations Tuesday.

"What is so good is that

multi-party for decades.

Bosnian Serbs countered that the Serb villages of Gornja Paklenica, Jabucic Polje and Strijezevac near Maglaj were attacked by Muslim artillery, the Bosnian Serb News Agency (SRNA) re-

Bosnian Muslims and Croats fought each other in the south Bosnia city of Mostar overnight after a week-old joint command fell apart over the issue of control of civilian police, Croatian radio

reported Tuesday morning. Small arms fire and occasional detonations were heard at dawn after Muslim forces launched abortive infantry attacks to break Croatian defence lines, it said.

A U.N. Protection Force spokesman in Sarajevo said Tuesday that central Bosnia, recently the site of fierce Croat-Muslim fighting was quiet but tense with three mortars falling near Kiseljak and sniping in Vitez.

But Bosnian radio reported Croat artillery and infantry "provocations" overnight near Jabla-

Millions vote in Cambodian elections

lord Dien Del gets elected," he

General Dien Del leads the

anti-Communist Khmer People's

National Liberation Armed

Forces, which controls the area.

Dien Del, regarded as one of

the abler commanders in the

U.S.-supported army of General

Lon Nol in the mid-1970s, has

long had a close relationship with

General Prom Sou, the local

Khmer Rouge chief, despite their

The Khmer Rouge put Cambo-

dia through a reign of terror in

the 1970s in which a million peo-

ple died through execution,

starvation, disease and forced

U.N. spokesman Eric Falt said

200 Khmer Rouge soldiers came

to the polls in Poi Pet on the Thai

border, unarmed and with voter

doors of the polling station are wide open to them," he said.

U.N. officials and diplomats

said the fact that Khmer Rouge

was voting was a positive sign and

a change of tactics by the guerril-

las, who earlier had warned any-

one taking part in the election

would be joining an "undertaking

second diplomat said, "But the

(Khmer Rouge) voting is still on a

reasonably small scale. The sig-

nificance rests on how many more

There were only scattered inci-

dents of violence reported in the country Tuesday, no worse than

on average days, the U.N. said. U.N. officials who feared the

polls might turn into a bloobath

had called in extra peacekeeping troops and equipment before the

come in the next few days."

They are welcome and the

opposite ideologies.

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labour.

Moscow's envoy Mr. Churkin in the making. told reporters after meeting Mr. Milosevic in Belgrade: "Milosevic has assured me that the decision (to seal the borders) ..has been observed," he added: There were a couple of doubtful cases, but they were explained to

Mr. Milosevic, previously seen in the West as a key backer of the Bosnian Serbs, made an aboutturn last month as U.N. sanctions started to bite and threw his weight behind a peace plan drawn up by international mediators Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance.

He promised to cut off military support to Bosnian Serbs and seal off borders except for humanitarian aid.

Mr. Churkin and Mr. Milosevic discussed how to "generate new momentum and bring about a settlement in Bosnia," as Bosnia rivals fought battles across the beleagured republic.

Fighting picked up again be-tween Muslims and Croats in Mostar and the Bosnian Serbs' pounding of Maglaj prompted fear by U.N. aid workers that another refugee catastrophe was

The United States said Monday

it was encouraged by the voter

turn out during the first two days

of Cambodia's first election in

Cambodia, the mood of the peo-

ple is enthusiastic and purposeful

(and) many had walked for miles

and lined up for hours to cast' their ballots," State Department

spokesman Richard Boucher told

the U.N. personnel in making

this election possible, despite

great difficulties, and we also

want to express our admiration

for the courage and determina-tion of the Cambodian people to

decide their own political fu-

While expressing concern ab-

out the detention by the Khmer

Rouge of two U.N. military per-

sonnel, who were later released

unharmed, Mr. Boucher said that

seemed to be the only major

"I think we're very encouraged

by the turnout, by the enthusiasm

with which the voting is being

conducted, and we're very appre-

ciative of the U.N. for having made it possible under very diffi-

ture," Mr. Boucher said.

security incident.

"Clearly it's a good sign," a cult circumstances," he added.

"We applaud the hard work of-

"According to our reports from

decades.

Mr. Churkin, who arrived in Belgrade Monday, failed to sway Yugoslav President Dobrica Cosic and Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic to allow U.N. observers on their frontier as urged in the current international

strategy to end the civil war. The United States, Russia and key European allies agreed Saturday on a process that would include possible use of U.S. air power to protect Muslim safe havens in Bosnia.

Observers on the Bosnian border would ensure Yugoslavia, or Serbia, did not ship weapons to Serbs in Bosnia.

The Muslim-led Bosnian government has rejected the allied strategy as "totally unacceptable", and called on the U.N. Security Council to implement instead the nine-month-old

Vance-Owen peace plan. The plan would create 10 Bosnian provinces roughly along ethnic lines and a central government in which the three ethnic groups would share power. The Muslims and Croats accepted this plan. but Serbs rejected it.

Serbs

remove

bodies of

Sarajevo

The bodies of two victims lie in the parking lot of the Guadalajara Airport after they were killed during a shootout between drug traffickers. Seven people were killed including Guadalajara's Cardin-

al Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo and his driver, when their car apparently got caught in the crossfire (AFP photo)

Mexican cardinal killed in gun battle

their car, officials said.

The firefight began in the air-

port terminal and spilled out into

the parking lot, where Cardinal

Posadas and his driver died in

Some reports said Cardinal

Posadas was at the airport to

meet a papal representative.

Others, however, said he was catching a flight to Mexico City.

GUADALAJARA, Mexico (R)

— The Roman Catholic cardinal of Guadalajara and six other people were killed by crossfire when suspected drug traffickers battled each other at the Mexican city's

airport, officials said. Cardinal Juan Posadas Ocampo and other victims were caught in what witnesses said was a hail of bullets from AK-47 rifles and other weapons fired by up to two

dozen people. Jalisco state spokesman Armando Morquechu told Reuters that "the strongest belief" was that the fighting was between

rival drug traffickers. "It was a very fierce fight. It looked like one group was waiting for the other," one person

told reporters here. Details of the incident remained unclear, but at a news conference, Jalisco Governor Carlos Rivera Aceves said that

Officials initially said six people died but later raised the death

two suspects were in custody and

others were being sought.

cials against violence.

cover.

people -- provoked an outcry

Cardinal Posadas - one of only two cardinals in this heavily Catholic country of 85 million

civilians armed and running for

three hours after the shootout.

The airport was shut down for

The death of the 66-year-old

from government and church offi-

Monday night to attend services for Cardinal Posadas, whose coffin was to be put on display at the

giant downtown cathedral. On arriving at the airport, he said: "The Catholic people, the

people of Mexico, are in mourn-Mr. Salinas sent a letter to Pope John Paul II, who

According to a government statement, 20 cars were struck by appointed Posadas Cardinal of Gaudalajara two years ago, expressing regret and anger.
"The entire society and the government that leads it have bullets and in several of them police found AK-47s, rifles, hand grenades and ammunition clips.

Television reports showed hunexpressed our strongest repudiation and our greatest indignadreds of people running out of the airport terminal and dozens tion." he said. of police officers and possibly

Felipe De Jesus Le-I Galvan, Archbishop of Monterrey, called for police "to put an end to the wave of violence that grips our

country. Guadalajara, Mexico's second largest city, is considered a major drug-trafficking centre and has

been the site of much drugrelated violence in recent years. Its most notorious case involved the torture and murder of U.S. President Carlos Salinas De Gortari travelled to Guadalajara drug kingpins in 1985. drug agent Enrique Camarena by

But shortly afterward, Mr.

Alexander turned up at PAC headquarters in downtown

Johannesburg, PAC officials said. In a telephone interview

S. African police arrest PAC leaders

JOHANNESBURG , South

reforms in 1990 to end apartheid. It also came at a delicate moment, when black and white leaddate for the country's first election to include blacks.

statement.

police in armoured vehicles waged running gun battles Tues-day morning with black residents in Katlehong, one of several townships southeast of Johannesburg convulsed by violence in recent days.

Police set up barricades on the arrest. main roads in Katlehong, while Police said they found 11 fol-

death tell in the region is at least erupted Saturday between police and two Tival black groups, the "the van's door. African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

detained and it immediately susmultiparty negotiations.

In a bizarre twist, Benny Alexander, the PAC's secretary general, escaped shortly after he was arrested, the group said.

Police surrounded Mr. Alexander's Johannesburg home at 4:30 a.m. (0230 GMT), witnesses said.

leased few details of their opera-Mr. Alexander said the PAC had withdrawn from Tuesday's

had a chance to confer.

in power. The guerrilla group has claimed responsibility for a number of attacks that have killed white civilans,

valuable, the former actress didn't lose the political moment.

KUALA LUMPUR (R) Malaysian grandmother Goh Ai Keow heard that her grandson had started bicycling to school and wrote him a letter warning him to be careful. The letter arrived last week, 16 years after it was mailed in 1977, the Star newspaper reported Tuesday. We are glad that the letter reached its destination in the end," Yahaya Longchik, spokesman for the Malaysian Postal Service, told the Star. "We believe we are a reliable company and even though it took a long time, we still managed to deliver it." The post office wants to display the letter in its museum, he said. "It was a touching letter in which she advised her grandson to take care of himself, study hard and eat good food." least I do not have to write to him any more as he is now successful and a mature adult," grand-mother Goh told the newspaper. Yahaya said the post office didn't know why the letter had taken so long. "We will never know what really happened...," the newspaper quoted him as saying.

criticism

WELLINGTON (R) — The man who conquered Mount Everest

Angola rebels claim capture of oil town bo. A total of 400,000 people

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — Fighting flared anew in northern Angola and UNITA rebels said they seized the strategic northern oil town of Soyo in a five-hour battle, just days after peace talks

ago and our troops launched the attack just before dawn, around 5 a.m. (0600 GMT). At 10 o'clock, Soyo fell. John Marques Kakumba, the UNITA represent-Abidjan Monday.

interview.

have died in the 18-year conflict that began on the eve of the southern African nation's inde-pendence from Portugal in 1975. dition of anonymity by telephone

from the Angolan capital, Luan-da, said UNITA began the attack over the weekend in Soyo, because oil production has kept the government's war effort afloat.

police troops called the "ninjas" who were replaced by inexperienced, poorly armed soldiers as the government became harder pressed, the diplomats said.

Its loss could foil government hopes of regaining full control of northern Angola and the coast. traditional areas of support for Mr. Dos Santos.

Diplomats who spoke on con-

UNITA captured Soyo earlier, this year, then lost it to crack

CANNES (R) — For once, the critics at Cannes got it right.

The Piano and Farewell to My Concubine, joint winners of the festival's top Golden Palm Award, always looked like winners in a relatively thin year. Jane Campion's The Piano, a

passionate love story set in the wilds of 19th-century New Zealand, was the first Australasian film to win top honours at Cannes and the first directed by a woman. Chen Kaige's Concubine, an

epic story about actors at the Peking Opera over 50 years of this century, was the first Chinese film to win, and marked a general resurgence of Asian cinema. Last year few critics backed the

winning horse, Bille August's Swedish costume drama The Best Intentions, and saw its victory as a compromise choice. Both 1993's winning films won

wide critical acclaim in a festival year so short of new discoveries that many critics -- and buyers -left town early in disappointment. "Where is this year's Strictly Ballroom, this year's Reservoir Dog?" asked Canadian critic

John Harkness, recalling two of 1992's Cannes surprise hits. The most offbeat success was British director Mike Leigh's

dark comedy about social out-

casts, Naked. Brooding over themes of rootlessness and sexual violence and shot through with cynical humour, it earned star David Thewlis and Leigh awards for

acting and directing.
Otherwise the festival was mostly a record of failures and disappointments. The U.S. cinema, usually so dominant at Cannes, was a shadow of its usual self because new

films by such distinguished direc-tors as Martin Scorsese and Robert Altman were held back for the Venice Film Festival in September.



The Cannes Golden Palm is awarded jointly to Chinese Director Chen Kaige (2nd R) for his film Farewell To My Concubine and to New Zealand's Jane Campion (unseen) for The Piano at the end of

a remake of the 1950s horror classic, was the most booed film in competition despite a certain reaction in the independent sec- artistic freedoms. technical stylishness.

The best received U.S. film was Falling Down, a Michael Douglas vehicle about an unemployed defence worker who cracks and turns violent in downtown Los Angeles.

It was too mainstream in approach to stand much chance with the relatively high-brow critics at Cannes, however.

The happiest Americans Monday night were surely the executives at the Disney Corporation who last month bought out independent producers Miramax for \$50 million.

Miramax, which produced the offbeat Oscar-winning thriller The Crying Game, were also

Campion (AFP photo) Abel Ferrara's Body Snatchers, behind both The Piano and tor, with some seeing it as a sign Farewell To My Concubine. of confidence in their work and The takeover has had a mixed others a threat to their continued

who plays in The Piano accepted the award for

AWARDS Here is a complete list of the Cannes Film Festival awards: Golden Palm (Best Film): The Piano (Jane Campion, Australia) and Farewell To My Concubine (Chen Kaige, China)
Grand Jury Prize: Faraway, So Close (Wim Wenders, Ger-

many) Best Director: Mike Leigh (Naked, Britain) Best Actor: David Thewlis (Naked)

Best Actress: Holly Bunter (The Piano) Jury Prize: The Puppetmaster (Hou Hsiao Hsien, Taiwan) and

Raining Stones (Ken Loach, Britain)
Technical Prize: Mazeppa (Bartabas, France)
Best Short Film: Coffee And cigarettes (Jim Jarmusch, U.S.)
Golden Camera Award for Best First Film: The Scent Of The Green Papaya (Tran Anh Hung, France/Vietnam) Special Mention For First Film: Friends (Elaine Proctor, South Africa/Britain).

collapsed. "We surrounded the town days

tive for West Africa, said in mediated talks that broke down

Marxist government of President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos.

Andrew Young, the former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Sunday said President Bill Clinton's recognition of the government had disrupted the delicate balance of the talks. though they had been stalled for nearly two weeks on the same

Mr. Kakumba said the rebels had taken a number of prisoners in the fight for Soyo but gave no

back to Siberia temporarily.

nal bleeding of her son, Alexei, who suffered from hemophilia. Rasputin supposedly possessed hypnotic powers and he claimed to be able to work miracles.

His influence on Czarina Alexandra was great, and she consulted him on various state matters, including the appointments and dismissals of high-ranking

even speculated that he had seduced the czarina or her daugh-

tion in the days leading to his overthrow. The church stepped in

In 1916, a group of right-wing patriots lured Rasputin to a St.

Rasputin sometimes has been portrayed as a mad priest whose influence over the czar's family so irritated the Russian people that it led in part to the revolution of 1917 and the eventual rule of the Communists.

While all concede that Rasputin was extremely unpopular his murder was celebrated in many circles - most historians argue he was a convenient scapegoat for the failings of the Romanov government and only

czar and his family in 1918.

lovers SARAJEVO (R) - Serb soldiers removed the bodies of two lovers under cover of darkness from the Sarajevo Bridge where snipers killed them a week ago, a Bos-nian Serb official said Tuesday. Veselko Gazibar, a Serb liaison officer with U.N. peacekeeping forces in the Bosnian capital, said the bodies of Bosko Brckic and Admira Ismic had been taken to the Serb suburb of Grbavica.

Muslim troops guarding the area around the bridge said earlier the bodies disappeared during the night and they did not know who was responsible. The couple, both aged 25, were shot as they crossed a no man's

land between Serb and Muslim controlled sectors while trying to escape from Sarajevo lasc Wednesday.

Muslim and Serb authorities had been arguing over which side had the right to recover the

and Ismic, who was Muslim. Brckic and Ismic had been sweethearts since high school. Their bodies, locked in a last embrace, rested at the foot of the bridge over Sarajevo's Miljacka

bodies of Brokic, who was Serb.

Brckic's mother Radmila pleaded for the couple to be buried together.

by killers in a crazy war.

"The world must know about this," she said, saying their "special love" had been snuffed out

Africa (AP) — In pre-dawn raids nationwide, police arrested lead-ers of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), a militant black group linked to the recent mass attacks against white civilians.

It was the biggest roundup of black political leaders since Presi-dent F.W. De Klerk Yaunciled

"The investigations are continuing and further arrests are possible," Law And Order Minister Hernus Kriel said in a brief

In another development, riot

young militants erected burning tyre barricades in the streets. lowing overnight fighting, and eight people were injured in clashes Tuesday morning. The

Meanwhile, the PAC said dozens of its leaders had been

pended its participation in the

and Craig Kotze, spokesman for the Law And Order Ministry,

with the South African Press
Association, Mr. Alexander said he fled from a police van when the officers weren't paying attention and a neighbour unlocked Police claimed Mr. Alexander

was released, but otherwise re-

round of multiparty talks and would not return until leaders The group's armed wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army, has said it will not lay down its weapons until blacks are

confirmed Mr. Alexander's For once, the critics get it right at Cannes

Everest guide rejects Hillary's

40 years ago this week is wrong to suggest that the world's highest mountain has become cluttered with rubbish. New Zealand climber Gary Ball says. Everest Base Camp was recently cleared of more than five tonnes of trash, Mr. Ball said after returning from the mountain, where he is a guide. Nor are the estimated 1,000 empty oxygen bottles abandoned on the vast South Oil Plateau at the foot of the mountain an environmental problem. he said. Sir Edmund Hillary, the first person to set foot on the 29,028-foot (8,848 metre) summit, Monday bemoaned what he termed the environmental damage caused by the hundreds of climbers who gather at base camp every year and the thousands of tourists who trek to the moun tain's foot.

casualty figures. "We're doing mopping up operations at the moment," he said in a telephone The Ivorian capital was the venue for 40 days of U.N.-Friday over UNITA's refusal to Fighting that erupted again last withdraw from captured towns October has been bloody. Some and villages. It came two days 50,000 people have died, 15,000 after the United States formally abandoned the rebels it used to: of them in the battle that won UNITA the central city of Huamarm by recognising the former Archivist finds diary

ST PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — An archivist said he had found the lost diary of Grigory Rasputin, the crude Siberian monk whose mystic power over the last Russian czar has been debated for decades. "The historic value can't be doubted," said David Raskin,

head of the Russian State Histor-

ical Archive's Department of Scholarship and Research. The 12 pages of the dusty green notebook are filled with observations of philosophy, child-rearing and life at the court of Czar Nicholas II, who was overthrown in the 1917 revolution. Mr. Raskin, 57, was reluctant to divulge the contents of the diary because he hopes to publish it. He said many of the archive's

older workers had known of the

diary for years, but had either

misjudged its value, forgotten ab-

out it or had been discouraged by

Rasputin's nearly illegible writing and atrocious grammar. Mr. Raskin discovered the diary anew and set about translating it "from Rasputinese into Russian" about a month ago.

Despite his peasant origins and rough manner, Rasputin was a favourite of Czar Nicholas' wife, Alexandra, thanks to his unexplained ability to stem the inter-

government officials. Rasputin's mixture of religious fervour and sexual indulgence led many outside the court to grumble. Some newspapers at the time

Rasputin's tawdry reputation and growing political power helped tarnish the czar's reputa-

of Rasputin at one point, denouncing Raspu-tin as a fraud and sending him

> Petersburg mansion where they poisoned him with tainted pastries and then shot him when he didn't die. Still alive, Rasputin was thrown into the icy Neva River where he finally drowned.

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IAAF keeps Ngugi and Krabbe under ban

STUTTGART (AP) — The world governing body of track and field Monday kept Kenyan the street of th runner John Ngugi and German sprinter Katrin Krabbe under suspension, effectively preventing them from competing at the World Outdoor Championship in

August.
The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) Council, meeting in Stuttgart, made no decision on American sprinter Butch Reynolds, the 400metre world record holder who is involved in a legal battle with the world body over a previous dop-

ing ban.
The IAAF wants Reynolds to drop his legal action against the world body. Reynolds was awarded \$27.3 million in damages against the LAAF by a U.S.

Ngugi's four year ban for refusing to submit to a drug test had been revoked by the Kenyan Federation.

The IAAF council decided to send the case back to the Kenyan Federation, asking the national body to reimpose the four-year ban, said Istvan Gyulai, the IAAF general secretary.

The council also asked its legal experts to further study the case of Krabbe and two other German sprinters, Grit Breuer and Manueula Derr.

"The doping commission was convinced that there was a doping violation," Gyulai said.

The three German sprinters admitted taking the drug clen-buterol. The German Federation's legal commission reduced their four year bans to one year, and to eight months in Derr's case, on a legal technicality.



Banned German track stars Katrin Krabbe (centre), Grit Breser (left) and Manuela Derr (AFP photo)

Until all the cases are settled, the athletes remain banned, Gyulai said.

They have no chance of cometing at the worlds," said one IAAF source, who requested anonymity.
The World Championship is

scheduled for Aug. 14-22 in Stuttgart, and no final decision is expected on either case by then. The next council meeting is Aug. 12 in Stuttgart, and IAAF

sources said the council was unlikely to consider the doping cases then, but rather to leave them for a later date. Ngugi, the five-time world cross country champion, had his ban lifted by the Kenyan Federa-

Olympic 5,000-metre champion was suspended when he refused to take a drug test at his farm in

The 29-year-old runner is a

tion earlier this month. The 1988

solider and told officials that Kenyan military regulations require that an officer be present during the taking of urine sam-

The IAAF council heard a report from its doping commission, which felt "it was a clear case of refusal," Gyulai said. A refusal to submit to a drug test carries an automatic four-year ban, according to IAAF rules.

Narozhilenko's lawyers threaten IAAF with legal action

The London lawyers of Russian world champion hurdler Lyudmila Narozhilenko, whose estranged husband says he put steriods in her medication out of spite, threatened legal action against the governing body of track and field unless it discussed her case, an official said Monday. IAAF general secretary

Gyulai, said the case won't be on the official agenda of the current IAAF council meeting as a separate item as requested by Narozhilenko's lawyers, but that it might be discussed by the dop-

Narozhilenko is seeking the lifting of her four-year ban for doping, after her husaband and coach said he had put banned steroids into her prescribed medication.

Nikolai Narozhilenko said he put the banned substance into his wife's medication after learning that she planned to leave him for ber Swedish manager.

The world 100-metre hurdles champion was banned after testing positive at a meet in France in February, where she matched her World Indoor record over 60 metres. She later broke the record three times at meets in Spain but the records have since been

She initially blamed the positive testes on the medication she was given by doctors after feeling sick during her mother's funeral shortly before the competition. Tests revealed no trace of steroids in the medication and the

Russian Federation imposed a four-year ban on Narozhilenko. After receiving the statement from her husband, however, the federation asked the IAAF to consider her case. Narozhilenko and her Swedish manager have

hired the London law firm of

Allen and Overy to represent

A spokesman for Allen and Overy in London said the IAAF had an obligation to hear the

World Cup qualifying matches

Jordan takes on China today

By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times

JORDAN TAKES ON CHI-NA Wednesday in the fifth game of the Asian Group A qualification matches for the 1994 World Cup.

The Chinese team who have so far played only one match, thrashing Pakistan 5-0, will be aiming for a win to prove themselves capable of topping the group and securing eventual qualification.

Jordan, on the other hand have 2 points in the overall standing from two draws with Yemen and Iraq. In their latest match against Iraq Monday, Jordanian players Jiryes Tadros and Yousef Al Amouri got serious injuries and they might miss the crucial match against

Fitness will prove to be the biggest problem of Jordan's team. Coach Alexander Maximanov told a press conference after Monday's match that the players were reasonably tired in their match against Iraq, while their opponents were playing their first match.

In Monday's late match, Yemen scored an impressive 5-1 victory over Pakistan taking the lead for the moment.

Pakistan's Mohammad Tareg put his team in the lead when Iranian referee Hussein Askari awarded him the tournament's first penalty kick in the 11th minute. Yemen's Omar Al Barek Members of the Chinese team at practice in Irbid (AFP photo) 80tth minute and Mohammad Hassan scored the fifth goal of the match attended by 500 fans

In Wednesday's matches Jordan face China at 4 p.m., while Iraq play Yemen at 8:30

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Papin, Gullit unlikely to make AC Milan side

MUNICH (R) — AC Milan plan to select dépendable striker Daniele Massaro for Wednesday's European Cup final with Marseille which would leave foreign stars Ruud Gullit and Jean-Pierre Papin competing for a place on the bench.

The fact that Gullit and Papin, both former European footballers of the year, are unlikely to make the team is a chilling warning to the French champions of the firepower Milan coach Fabio Capello has at his disposal.

But Capello's choice will be based on pragmatism rather than any attempt to score psychological points. Massaro, who celebrated his

32nd birthday last Sunday, is in better form and health than his more illustrious team mates. "The condition of (Marco) Van Casten is improving, so is that of

Papin. Gullit still has a few little

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North-South's club holding on this deal. If you don't think about the hand as a whole, you could end up going down one, as did declarer.

With a hand worth 20 points, South needed no more than a peep out of partner to contract for game, once a fit was confirmed. West led the queen of diamonds, and declarer saw little problem to the play.

problems but Massaro is in great shape," Capello said.

Dutchman Van Basten, current European Footballer of the Year, has started just two matches this year after an ankle operation and is still suffering pain from the old

Papin, a member of the Marseille team which lost to Red Star Belgrade in the 1991 final, has had his plans of a reunion with his former colleagues upset by a calf strain followed by an eye injury suffered when he was hit " by a ball during training.

The prolific French marksman returned to action last Friday in the league game at Cagliari but was withdrawn after an hour. Gullit, part of the three-man

Dutch bloc at Milan, has not

Suns score 105-91 over Supersonics

played for several weeks because of a thigh strain. The industrious Massaro, who

After winning the first trick in hand, declarer crossed to the eight

of trumps and led a club to the king.

West took the ace and returned a trump. Declarer won and exited

with a club. Again on lead, West returned another trump, and declar-

er eventually had to concede a heart and a third club for down one.

Declarer's play was correct for 11 tricks. With only 10 needed to fulfill

the contract, a pause to count win-ners might have suggested the win-ning line to South.

There were eight fast tricks to be had. The obvious way to get two more was to ruff clubs in dummy, and to achieve that gual the location

of the ace of clubs was immaterial.
At trick two declarer should simply have led a club from hand. Best is for a defender to win and shift to a

trump. Declarer wins on the table and leads a club to the king. If East

has the ace, declarer may still make an overtrick. As the cards lie, the

monarch falls to the ace and West returns a trump, but now there are

still two trumps in dummy for club ruffs, and there are more than

enough entries to the closed hand to

PHOENIX (AP) — Oliver Miller, hitting his shots and asserting himself underneath in the fourth quarter, led the Phoenix Suns to a 105-91 victory over the Seattle Supersonics Monday night in the opening game of the Western Conference final.

The 6-foot-9 (2.06-metre) rookie centre scored 11 of his 15 points and had seven of his 10 rebounds in the last period, doing most of the damage in the first 3½ minutes while Charles Barkley rested.

It seemed as if the Suns were swatting shots every time Seattle

It seemed as if the Suns were swatting shots every time Seattle ventured near the basket. Phoenix blocked 16 shots, a team playoff

GOREN BRIDGE

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ioined Milan in 1986, is considered the best striking partner for Van Basten. The Italian netted a well-taken goal in the 1-1 draw at Cagliari. Marseille, who are based at a

luxury Bavarian hotel by a lake an hour's drive from Munich, are untroubled by injury problems. Their sole selection problem concerns whether Jean-Jacques Eydelie or Jean-Christophe Thomas will play in midfield.

Veteran Belgian coach Raymond Goethals is likely to opt for the hard-running Eydelie. ho can also slot in at the back. Marseille may however suffer from the burden of expectation as they seek to become the first

French club to lift a European

record. Miller led the way with five.

extended a 76-65 third-quarter lead to 88-70.

Jabai Al Weibdeh. Good price

The Suns sent Seattle to its fourth straight loss on the road in the

playoffs. Game 2 of the best-of-7 series is Wednesday night at Phoenix.

Phoenix outrebounded the Sonics 44-40 and applied strong pressure defence. The Sonics did not score a field goal in the fourth

quarter until Nate McMillan's 20-footer with 7-45 left. The Suns had

Cedric Ceballos led Phoenix with 21 points despite playing only 23

minutes after suffering a strained left foot midway through the third

quarter. Kevin Johnson had 16 points for the Suns. Barkley grabbed 14 rebounds but scored only 12 points and did not go to the foul line

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"I have tried to calm the players down," millionaire Marseille President Bernard Tapie said.

ali game.

Munich Tuesday, are seeking their fifth European Cup in al and their third in the last five competitions after triumphs in 1989 and 1990.

A win would give Italy a clean sweep of this season's European honours after Parma took the Cup Winners' Cup and Juventus lifted the UEFA Cup. Teams (probable): AC Milan — Sebastiano Rossi

Mauro Tassotti, Paolo Maldini, Alessandro Costacurta, Franco Baresi, Demetrio Albertini, Frank Rijkaard, Gianluigi Lentini, Roberto Donadoni, Daniele Massaro, Marco Van Basten.

Olympique Marseille — Fabier Barthez, Basile Boli, Jocelyn Angloma, Marcel Desailly, Eric Di Meco, Jean-Jacques Eydelie, Didier Deschamps, Franck Sauzee, Abedi Pele, Alen Bok-The Italian champions, due in sic, Rudi Voeller.

early break against the Spaniard but Bruguera broke back quickly, PARIS (R) — The favourites wrapped up the tiebreak 7-3 and

Favourites get easty ride in French Open

enjoyed a surprisingly easy ride on the second day of the French Open Tuesday with seeded players coasting into the second round with straight-set victories. The clay court player of the

year, Sergi Bruguera of Spain, 1989 champion Michael Chang of the United States, big-serving Croat Goran Ivanisevic and German Michael Stich all cruised through their first games un-

Tenth seed Bruguera might have expected a torrid afternoon against French crowd-pleaser Henri Leconte but turned it into a leisurely stroll by 7-6, 6-1, 6-0.

Leconte was a semifinalist last year when he was ranked 200th in the world, keeping the Roland Garros public at fever pitch for fectly. I took a hammering and the best part of two weeks with a series of swashbuckling displays. This time, despite his 65th ranking, he was in no mood for

He stayed the pace well in the opening set when he made an then took sole charge.

equalised from a free kick in

the 20th minute, ending the

Yemen's Ali Abu Ghaleb blocked Pakistan's only real

chance in the second half. Al

Barek scored his team's goal in

Pakistan surrendered to de-

feat allowing Yemen to score 3

goals within four minutes.

Ahmad Al Bred scored the

third goal in the 77th minute.

Teammate Wijdan Al Shazli

netted in the fourth goal in the

first half 1-1.

the 52nd minute.

Leconte, whose 27 match wins at Roland Garros has only been dettered by Ivan Lendl of the players in this year's draw, can be the world's most exicting player when the mood taxes him. But in the final two sets.

Leconte was at his erratic worst as he fired loser after loser to hand Bruguera the match. After winning the first game of the second set, the Frenchman lost the last 12 games.

"I hoped to play a better match. In the last two sets I had the impression I wasn't on the court," Leconte said. "I made all the mistakes and he played pernow I must get back to work."

The 21-year-old Ivanisevic, Europe's best hope of ending recent American domination of the event, also had to battle in the first set to overcome Argentine baseliner Franco Davin.

Fifth seed Ivanisevic won 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 in an encounter which had all the overtones of David and Goliath.

Davin, cast in the David Role at only 1.73 metres, had no shots to trouble the tall, 1.93-metre croat, and ended up staying three metres off the baseline in a desperate attempt to return serve.

French Open glance A quick look at Monday's play,

the first day of the French Open. Attendance - 27,549 at Roland Garros Stadium (27,431 in Weather - Warm, mostly sun-

Results - Men: Jim Courier most fans worldwide. (2) and Boris Becker (4) won in three sets, Stefan Edberg (3) won in four sets.

Fashion update: Leave it to !!.. French. Security guards post ii behind players on centre court the French Open are sporting crew cuts and chic, navy blue blazers. Linewomen lookes business-like in long-sleeved, blue Oxford shirts, matched with stripped ties and charcoal grav mini-skirts.

games against Boris Becker,

As for crowd elegance, this may be the only event in the world where spectators don't look as if they're ready to step on court. Even in the bleachers, linen suits, dustiers and strage hats have replaced the familiar. designer tennis attire worn by

Ashe benefit: More than 20,000 spectators jammed into the Reland Garros Stadium for the Quote - "I'm not used to annual pre-tournament benefit. playing players that strong in a stadium that big," Nicolas Escude after winning only three This year half the proceeds will be donated to the Arthur Ashe Foundation set up to fight AIDS.

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Japan remains world's largest creditor

TOKYO (R) - Japan retained its status as the world's largest creditor nation at the end of calendar 1992, thanks to its rapidly growing current account surplus. a ministry of finance (MOF) official said Tuesday.

Japan's net overseas holdings - the balance between assets and debts it holds abroad - hit a record of \$513.6 billion in 1992, up \$130.5 billion from the previous year's record \$383.1 billion. the MOF said in a report. Comparable 1992 figures for

June 1992. Its net external assets fell to second place in 1991 with

other major nations are not available yet, but the MOF official said Japan's net external assets should remain top for the second consecutive year. Germany had net foreign assets

\$345.4 billion, after being number one in the world in 1990. The United States had net external debts of \$361.5 billion at

of \$333.9 billion at the end of

the end of 1991, while Britain had

Japan's net external assets concern for the ministry from the posted the eleventh consecutive year-on-year increase in 1992, largely due to the rise in its current account surplus, the MOF official told a briefing.

The nation's politicallysensitive current account surplus jumped by 61 per cent to a record \$117.6 billion in 1992 from \$72.9 billion in the previous year, according to MOF statistics.

foreign assets totalled a record "The rapid growth in Japan's \$2.04 trillion at the end of 1992 net foreign assets of \$30.1 billion. current account surplus remains a Japan's private foreign secur-

viewpoint of (possible worsening billion at the end of 1992 from \$632.1 billion, while direct investment overseas increased to \$248.1 billion from \$231.8 billion.

However, the official added: the ministry said. You must be aware that Japan's The ministry also said Japan's gross foreign debt fell to \$1.52 surplus is not exerting any trillion at the end of 1992 from a adverse effect, such as reducing record of \$1.62 trillion a year employment in other nations. Such a risk is slim."

Of foreign debts, foreigners' net purchases of bonds and stocks fell to \$431.4 billion in 1992 from

French stocks gained ground as investors welcomed Mr. Balla-\$443.8 billion a year earlier. dur's plans, announced Monday, to beef up his economic recovery plan by launching a 40 billion franc (\$7.2 billion) bond.

The bond issue will finance new public spending on infrastructure and government work. schemes before proceeds from a privatisation programme begin flowing later in the year.

brought applause from investors

Tuesday but critics accused the

new French conservative premier

of shifting economic gears in a

The Paris Bourse's blue chip CAC-40 share index had risen 1.25 per cent by midsession. Investors were heartened by Mr. Balladur's will to tackle the recession and mounting job losses.

But some economists said the stepped-up programme would do little to pull France out of the economic doldrums.

Opposition politicians accused him of hastily abandoning campaign promises and an earlier called the bond a "sea change"

PARIS (R) — Prime Minister austerity plan, outlined only two Edouard Balladur's decision to weeks ago, in order to add to launch a jumbo bond issue

French bond plans draw

The bond was tacked on to the previous economic package. which Mr. Balladur unveiled on May 10 and was to be presented officially to parliament later Tuesday

Mr. Balladur's decision to add muscle to the earlier plan, which mixed belt-tightening, tax increases and modes stimulus measures, underscored his centreright government's deepening concern over the sluggish economy and stubborn unemploy-

Joblessness rose to a record 3.1 million people or 10.7 per cent in March. The government expects 350,000 more job seekers by the end of the year, up from an earlier estimate of 275,000.

The abrupt shift in emphasis from economic austerity to fuelling growth and stemming job losses has raised eyebrows.

"It seems that the government has started to panic somewhat about the recession," said Philippe Brossad, economist at stateowned bank Credit Lyonnais. He

bourse applause, jibes ending the two-week-old policy

of belt-rightening.

The left-wing daily liberation called Mr. Balladur's move "a curious change in speed, which looks a bit disorderly.

Charles Millon, parliamentary leader of the centre-right Union for French Democracy (UDF), the partner in the ruling coalition, said Mr. Balladur, who took pow-er in late March, had been surprised by the magnitude of

France's economic problems.

The Socialists, reduced to a slim parliamentary minority following their electoral rout, accontradictory policies and reneg-

ing on campaign promises.
"When someone says the budget deficit has to be cut and then takes out a loan, I say he is pursuing the policies of a short-sighted idiot," said Francois Hol-lande, one of the Socialist Party's young leaders.

The independent economic think-tank OFCE said the package would fail to pull the French economy, forecast to shank by 0.75 per cent in the first half of 1993, out of recession

Company **Sailures** in Britain

decline LEEDS (R) - British company insolvencies fell for a second consecutive quarter early this year. A clear sign the country's longest recession for more than half a century is finally over, according to statistics

British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) figures showed company involvencies fell a seasonally adjusted five per cent to 5,705 in the first quarter of 1993 from 6,029 in the previous quar-

The news will provide some relief to the ruling Conservative Party, trying to restore its political authority after a recession which has battered the corporate sector and sent unemployment soaring to 10 per cent of the

The government was given a dose of bad news recently when shipyard Swan Hunter, in the depressed north-east region of England, called in the receivers after failing to win a vital order to build a royal navy helicopter car-

Around 2,200 jobs at the historic shipyard are directly under threat, with a shadow cast over 4,000 related jobs in a region which was once the world's biggest shipbuilding centre.

But the conservatives will take comfort from the fact that insolvencies, traditionally a lagging economic indicator, were also two per cent down in the first quarter of 1993 compared with the comparable year-ago quarter.

This is very good news. At the beginning of the year we said it was premature to announce the end of the recession. Today's figures provide evidence that the economic tide is turning, perhaps even quicker than many have expected," said Richard Brown, director of policy for the BCC.

"Falling levels of insolvencies will be good for business and employee-consumer confidence, will staunch the decline of capacity, and will ease the burden of had debt on business," he added. For British business, the last

year has been dreadful. In the year to the end of March he total number of insolvencies in England and Wales was 24,334, representing 2.2 per cent of all registered companies.

U.S. women said to pay more than men for many of the same goods

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women in America pay more than men for the same goods and services, from cars to health care to dry cleaning, according to a new book aimed at helping women get more for their money. For example, women buy about half the new cars sold each year, but a white women would pay about \$150 more for the same car as a white man and an African-American woman would pay about \$800 more, according "Why Women Pay More." published by consumer advocate Ralph Nader's Centre for Responsive Law.

"There is an element of sucker-' said book's author Frances Cerra Whittelsey, a former reporter for Newsday and the New York Times. She said culturally women have not educated themselves to money matters so well as

they should. When women visit doctors with the same illness as a man, they're

regular shipments to the West is

expected to underpin platinum

prices in 1993 but is unlikely to

leading refiner, Johnson Matthey

Analysts cite political unrest in

World demand is expected to

increase by at least 200,000

ounces in 1993 after falling by

240,000 ounces in 1992 but the

recent price rally which has taken

platinum to nine-month highs is

The rise in world demand will-

be mainly due to higher auto

emission standards in the United

States and European Community

which will result in increased use

The positive and negatives for

prices in 1993 are well balanced,

said Johnson Matthey, indicating

a price range of \$330 to \$390 an

Platinum, trading in London at

of platinum in car exhausts.

plies is in doubt.

seen slowing.

prescribed more tests and drugs and told to come back more times than men, her book says.

At dry cleaning establishments, woman's white cotton shirt traditionally costs about 27 per cent more to launder than the same style man's shirt, the book re-

Ms. Whittelsey found similar inconsistencies in other areas. In auto insurance, women over age 25 pay the same as men

although women have fewer acci-In clothing, a man's knit shirt is almost always less expensive than

the same style in the women's department. For haircuts, two out of three shops in New York charged women \$20 for basic shampoo, cut and blow dry, while charging

Women still earn an average of by a man, according to the book. force women to take small steps

to 993 platinum prices

over violence and political unrest

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ing supplier, and also speculative

major financial players moved

World supply outpaced de-

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Russia is expected to maintain

around the same level of sales in

1993, and although prospects for

South African output - which

fell by 20,000 ounces last year -

are better, continuing low prices

and political instability could

arrest plans to expand produc-

South Africa continued to be

the world's largest producer in 1992 providing 2.75 million

ounces, 72 per cent of world

supply.
"Norilsk (the leading Russian

producer) lost 30 per cent, according to the Nickel Producers

Association and the impact on

ly was 3.820 million ounces.

Russian exports key

men \$16.

LONDON (R) - Uncertainty around \$384 an ounce, was prop-

over Russia's ability to make elled higher recently by worries

spark a major rally, the world's buying of precious metals after

Russia and the country's adminis- mand last year by just 20,000

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that its ability to maintain sup- 350,000 from 1991 to 750,000

focused on inequities in employment, said Ms. Whittelsey. don't think they have looked

of) overseas protectionism and

trade friction," the ministry offi-

The ministry said Japan's gross

cial told reporters.

sufficiently at the marketplace." Part of the problem can be solved through laws, but women have to stop spending on items that are impractical and overpriced in an effort to please men, she said. "Women obsess about their appearance and fashion."

She cited elaborately decorated, artificial fingernails. They cost about \$60 a month to maintain, and they are often purchased by women whose incomes are relatively low.

"I have overheard women in beauty shops admit that they would lose their husbands if they didn't have them" she said. The same goes for high-heeled

"Stiletto heels, which make 74 cents for every dollar earned their wearer appear long-legged,

the platinum group metal output

was affected proportionally,'

Johnson Matthey's operations

director, Keith Green, told Reu-

ters in an interview. "They don't

seem to have problems meeting

their market requirements. They

must be selling from reserves.

for both platinum and rhodium.

It is legislation-driven. Even

dwide, usage of platinum and

rhodium is going up," he said. But Mr. Green added: "We're

practical and we don't see a sus-

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sions with 1.55 million ounces, up

from 1.57 million in 1991, and

jewellery with 1.51 million ounces, from 1.47 million pre-

Demand was greatest in Japan,

at 1.86 million ounces or 49 per

cent of Western world buying,

followed by western Europe with

840,000 ounces and North Amer-

The main uses of the metal by

tained price recovery."

"Demand is going to increase

sboes.

instead of on-the-ground strides," Ms. Whittelsey writes. They also cause corns, callouses, inflammation of the achilles tendon, hammertoe, general pain in the ball of the foot, an enlargement at the back of the heel bone and more visits to podiatrists than men make, she quotes a podiatrist as saying.

The 193-page book has spending tips, reading lists and the names of government and private organisations that can help with general marketplace perils. health, finance, legal needs, advertising and fashion.

In general, women are advised

Re assertive. - Learn basic information ab-

out home and car repairs. Negotiate and be prepared to walk away if the price is not right. - Complain to proper authorities in cases of incompetence and

S. Korean economy brightens up

SEOUL (AFP) - South Korea's business prospects are looking up, thanks to a government stimulus package and increased ex-ports partly fuelled by the stronger yen, business leaders and officials say. officials say.

The Federation of Korean Industries (FKI), which groups the country's major congiomerates," has reported that the business survey index, which measures business confidence, hit 119 May from a record low of 89 in January.

Deputy Premier and Economic Planning Minister Lee Kyung-Shix said recently that the economy had shown a mild recover in the first quarter and that indicators pointed to further improvements to cut governmentregulated interest rates and ease monetary controls.

Partly due to eased accessibility to funds, corporate bankruptcies numbered around only 1,500 in the first two months of the year, down from the 2,000 posted in the last two months of 1992, Mr. Lee was quoted as saying.

Romanian president urges crackdown on corruption ter Nicolae Vacariou decided to

BUCHAREST (R) - Romanian tion or tax evasion. President Ion Iliescu called Monday for a crackdown on corruption at all levels and warned that lack of action could threaten Romania's fledgling democracy and market economy reforms.

"I appeal to all institutions in charge of public order and observance of law... to investigate and make public all cases of corruption," Mr. Iliescu told a news conference in response to news media allegations that corruption has become rampant since Romania became a market

economy three years ago.
He urged parliament to draw up immediately anti-corruption laws and severe penalties against

"Authorities must take a clear stand against those involved in cases of corruption or breach of law, irrespective of their job or position in any hierarchy," Mr. Iliescu said.

He said state-owned companies presented the worst records of fraud and declared: "The phenomenon of corruption can compromise our democracy and the course of economic reforms." Mr. Iliescu said many mana-

gers of state-owned companies had almost ruined their companies after concluding profitable businesses with private firms secretly owned by those mana-

News reports say scores of government officials have been involved in illegal deals and some senior government members and presidential staff had tried to stop investigation of cases of corrup-

The independent daily papers Adevarul and Evenimentul Zilei, leaders of othe anti-corruption campaign, warned that if true the allegations could rock the coun-

Last week, the left-wing gov-ernment headed by Prime Minis-

owned companies to thorough checks by government experts.

Mr. Vacariou urged government officials to take "drastic st:ps to to destroy corruption rings and big smuggler's net-

submit the accounts of state-

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY MAY 26, 1993

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation GENERAL TENDENCIES: Hold better results and have greater

your present position intact and sidestep some pretty rough going with the assistance of your closest tie, who will gladly cooperate with you are up front with the details. ARIES: (March 21 to April 19)

Seek out those friends and acin the new type of interests that motivate and steer clear of older persons who delay you. TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) It

is advisable you listen to one in a position of influence who is current in activity to uncover the best way to put in motion worldly abilities. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Don't hold on to the past but look to the future now with confidence that you will be able to join in new age interests for a greater success. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Its up to you to modernise whatever your business activities if you are to have the greatest possi-ble operative skill with them.

LEO: (July 22 August 21) You need to get out of the rut of being just with conventional persons and find out how those living in the jet age live and think about todays

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Find the gadgets and tools that will bring your work load up to date and you then can produce

benefits flow to you. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) This day can be filled with electricity for you if you get out at the recreations and amusements that appeal to you, enjoy with congenial friends.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You are too inclined to be holding on to outmoded conditions at your residence and you have a good day to replace them with new things, ideas.

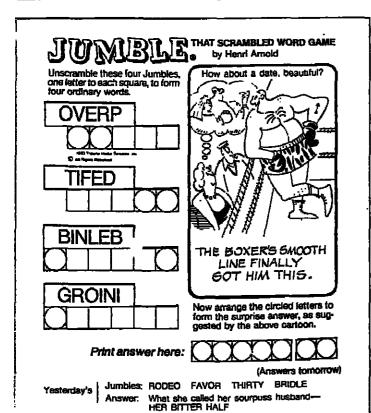
SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You can think of interesting comments to make and ways to please those with whom you communicate more by adopting a new style, slant, stance.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) This is your day to make your property and possessions more valuable by adopting more current conditions and devising a more modern budget.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Now you can really let go of and discard what you no longer want in your life and replace with what you have secretly desired for

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Take time out today to get out from under long time anxieties and fill yourself with theerful and exciting ideas that you can live in the

THE BETTER HALF, By Harris OH, NOTHING MUCH --JUST PUTTING MY FEET IN THE FREEZER SO THEY'RE REALLY COLD WHEN I CLIMB INTO BED WITH MY HUSBAND! harris



Peanuts



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ica with 715,000.



Andy Capp



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